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H. R. 5950

To amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to establish prohibitions to prevent the use of unmanned aircraft systems as weapons while operating in the national airspace system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2012

Mr. BURGESS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Armed Drones Act
5 of 2012” or the “NADA Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title III of the FAA
3 Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (126 Stat. 72 et
4 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 337. PROHIBITIONS TO PREVENT USE OF UNMANNED**
6 **AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AS WEAPONS WHILE OP-**
7 **ERATING IN NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM.**

8 “(a) PROHIBITIONS.—The Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation may not authorize a person—

10 “(1) to operate an unmanned aircraft system in
11 the national airspace system for the purpose, in
12 whole or in part, of using the unmanned aircraft
13 system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against
14 a person or property; or

15 “(2) to manufacture, sell, or distribute an un-
16 manned aircraft system, or a component thereof, for
17 use in the national airspace system as a weapon or
18 to deliver a weapon against a person or property.

19 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
20 definitions apply:

21 “(1) PERSON.—The term ‘person’ has the
22 meaning given that term in section 40102(a) of title
23 49, United States Code.

24 “(2) WEAPON.—The term ‘weapon’ includes le-
25 thal and nonlethal weapons.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 contained in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by insert-
3 ing after the item relating to section 336 the following:

“Sec. 337. Prohibitions to prevent use of unmanned aircraft systems as weap-
ons while operating in national airspace system.”.

