

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 798

To amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to prohibit the flying of unmanned recreational aircraft near commercial airports.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

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

A BILL

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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 “Responsible Skies Act
5 of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE FLYING OF UNMANNED REC-**
7 **REATIONAL AIRCRAFT NEAR COMMERCIAL**
8 **AIRPORTS.**

9 Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform
10 Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c) by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting ; and “, including that the op-
3 erator of an unmanned recreational aircraft may not
4 fly the aircraft—

5 “(1) above 400 feet and within 5 miles of the perim-
6 eter of an airport that provides scheduled passenger air
7 transportation; or

8 “(2) where it may be seen from the perimeter of the
9 airport.”; and

10 (2) by inserting at the end the following:

11 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one
12 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every
13 year thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
14 report containing—

15 “(1) a description of any incident in which an
16 unmanned recreational aircraft flew above 400 feet
17 less than 5 miles from the perimeter of an airport
18 that provides scheduled passenger air transportation;
19 and

20 “(2) the action taken by the Secretary in re-
21 sponse to the incident.

22 “(e) DEFINITION OF UNMANNED RECREATIONAL
23 AIRCRAFT.—In this section, the term ‘unmanned rec-

- 1 recreational aircraft' means an unmanned aircraft flown for
- 2 hobby or recreational purposes.”.

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