

## S 1314

### Commercial UAS Modernization Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-635.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]    | R · ND        |      | May 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND] | D · ND        |      | Jul 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA] | D · VA        |      | Aug 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]      | D · OR        |      | Aug 4, 2015  |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]   | D · OR        |      | Sep 21, 2015 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity                     | Date         |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Referred To                  | May 13, 2015 |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee   | Senate  | Hearings By (full committee) | Mar 10, 2016 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 114 HR 4432 | Related bill | <b>Sep 30, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Space. |

## Commercial UAS Modernization Act

This bill amends the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to permit a person to operate a small commercial unmanned aircraft (drone) without an airworthiness certificate within the United States for the period beginning on enactment of this Act and ending on the effective date of a final rule based on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Operation and Certification of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems" dated February 23, 2015, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive proof that the drone owner has liability insurance for the drone;
- the owner must register the drone;
- the operator must pass a test developed to assess initial aeronautical knowledge and a proficiency test administered by a drone test site; and
- the operator must demonstrate the ability to fly the drone in accordance with certain operating restrictions concerning visibility, time of day, air traffic control, airspace, preflight inspection, and operator health.

A drone may not be operated until the operator of a test site certifies that it meets the requirements in the rulemaking notice and can operate within the restrictions.

The owner or operator of a drone involved in an accident causing personal injury or property damage must report it to the FAA within two days after the accident.

The FAA shall:

- appoint a Deputy Associate Administrator for Unmanned Aircraft,
- establish a joint aircraft system research and development data collection and analysis program at the William J. Hughes Technical Center, and
- implement an air traffic management pilot program to research and test a new regulatory structure for drone operations in airspace below 1,200 feet.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 10, 2016:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-635.
- **May 13, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 13, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.