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Drone Operator Safety Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1405	Related bill	May 9, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 407.
115 HR 3644	Identical bill	Sep 21, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

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This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it a crime to knowingly or recklessly operate an unmanned aircraft that interferes with or disrupts an aircraft or airborne vehicle carrying at least one occupant in U.S. airspace.

It imposes criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term, or both—on a violator.

The prohibition includes the unauthorized operation of an unmanned aircraft within an airport's runway exclusion zone (i.e., defined area of controlled airspace around an active runway) unless the operation is the result of an unforeseeable circumstance (e.g., a malfunction).

Actions Timeline

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