

## HR 3644

### Drone Operator Safety Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Aug 4, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Sep 21, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3644>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 21, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### 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 S 1755	Identical bill	Aug 3, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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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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- **Sep 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.