

## HR 3207

### DEFENSE Act

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** May 6, 2025

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. (May 6, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/3207>

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 6, 2025
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 663	Identical bill	<b>Feb 20, 2025:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Disabling Enemy Flight Entry and Neutralizing Suspect Equipment Act or the DEFENSE Act**

This bill allows the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Department of Justice (DOJ) to deputize state or local law enforcement officers to take certain drone countermeasures to protect stadiums and other public gatherings.

Specifically, DHS or DOJ may provide state or local law enforcement officers with the authority to identify, monitor, and track drones; warn drone operators; disrupt or take control of drones; or use reasonable force to disable, damage, and seize or destroy drones deemed to pose a threat.

This authority applies for the purposes of protecting an event, stadium, or venue; certain large public gatherings (e.g., gatherings that are primarily outdoors with an estimated attendance of at least 100,000 people); or other public gatherings protected by specific temporary flight restrictions imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Prior to being deputized, a state or local law enforcement officer must complete training in the use of the drone countermeasure authority.

DHS or DOJ, in coordination with the Department of Transportation and the FAA, must exercise oversight over the use of this authority by deputized state or local law enforcement officers.

Finally, the bill limits the equipment authorized for detecting, identifying, monitoring, or tracking drones to systems or technologies that are included on a list of authorized equipment maintained by DHS, in coordination with DOJ, the FAA, the Federal Communications Commission, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 6, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2025:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 6, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

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