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H. R. 709

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to establish counter-UAS system training and require the Attorney General and Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish related standards for initial and recurrent training programs or certifications for individuals seeking to operate counter-UAS detection and mitigation systems, equipment, or technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2025

Mr. STRONG introduced the following bill; which was 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

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 “National Training Cen-
5 ter for Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTER-UAS SYSTEM TRAIN-**
7 **ING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title II of the Home-
9 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121 et seq.) is amend-
10 ed by adding at the end the following new sections:

11 **“SEC. 210H. COUNTER-UAS SYSTEM TRAINING.**

12 “The Attorney General, in coordination with the Sec-
13 retary (acting through the Director of the Federal Law
14 Enforcement Training Centers), may—

15 “(1) provide training relating to measures to
16 take the actions described in subsection (b)(1) of
17 section 210G; and

18 “(2) establish or designate one or more facili-
19 ties or training centers for the purpose described in
20 paragraph (1).

21 **“SEC. 210I. COUNTER-UAS DETECTION AND MITIGATION**
22 **SYSTEM OPERATOR QUALIFICATION AND**
23 **TRAINING CRITERIA.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
25 curity and Attorney General, in coordination with the Ad-

1 administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall
2 establish standards for initial and recurrent training pro-
3 grams or certifications for individuals seeking to operate
4 counter-UAS detection and mitigation systems, equip-
5 ment, or technology.

6 “(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—To carry out subsection
7 (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney
8 General shall, at a minimum—

9 “(1) consider the potential impacts of the sys-
10 tems, equipment, and technology referred to in such
11 subsection on aviation safety, civil aviation and aero-
12 space operations, aircraft airworthiness, or the civil-
13 ian use of airspace, and appropriate actions to main-
14 tain aviation safety, as determined by the Adminis-
15 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration; and

16 “(2) establish—

17 “(A) interagency coordination require-
18 ments prior to deployment of such systems,
19 equipment, and technology; and

20 “(B) the frequency at which an individual
21 authorized to operate such systems, equipment,
22 or technology shall complete and renew such
23 training or certification.

24 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) UAS.—The term ‘UAS’ means an un-
2 manned aircraft system.

3 “(2) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.—The term ‘un-
4 manned aircraft’ has the meaning given such term
5 in section 44801, of title 49, United States Code.

6 “(3) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term
7 ‘unmanned aircraft system’ has the meaning given
8 such term in section 44801, of title 49, United
9 States Code.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
12 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
13 210G the following new item:

“Sec. 210H. Counter-UAS system training.

“Sec. 210I. Counter-UAS detection and mitigation system operator qualifica-
tion and training criteria.”.

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