

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. BURCHETT OF TENNESSEE**

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 12. PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM UN-
2 MANNED AIRCRAFT.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 448 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “§ 44816. Protection of private property from un-
7 manned aircraft

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to applicable State law
9 relating to the discharge of a firearm, an individual may
10 shoot an unmanned aircraft using a legally-obtained shot-
11 gun if the individual reasonably believes that such aircraft
12 is flying not more than 200 feet above property owned
13 by the individual.

14 “(b) RETURN OF AIRCRAFT.—An individual may, but
15 shall not be required to, return an unmanned aircraft shot
16 down under subsection (a) to the owner of such aircraft
17 upon request by such owner.

18 “(c) REPORTING.—Not later than 60 days after an
19 event in which an individual shoots an unmanned aircraft

1 under subsection (a) and is able to identify the registra-
2 tion number of such aircraft, the individual shall report
3 to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-
4 tion—

5 “(1) the address at which such event occurred;
6 and

7 “(2) such registration number.

8 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Administrator shall issue
9 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

10 “(e) DEFINITION OF SHOTGUN.—In this section, the
11 term ‘shotgun’ has the meaning given such term in section
12 921 of title 18, United States Code.

13 “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
14 tion shall be construed to preempt or otherwise have any
15 effect on any State law relating to tort liability or criminal
16 liability for an action taken under subsection (a).”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
18 ter 448 of title 49, United States Code, is further amend-
19 ed by adding at the end the following:

“44816. Protection of private property from unmanned aircraft.”.

