

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 10304
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Drone Safety State-
3 ment Modernization Act of 2026”.

4 SEC. 2. DRONE SAFETY STATEMENT MODERNIZATION.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44805 of title 49, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (h) by inserting “(excluding
8 requirements under subsection (i))” after “require-
9 ments of this section”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(i) SAFETY STATEMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The manufacturer of a
13 small unmanned aircraft system shall—

14 “(A) make available to the initial operator
15 of such system the safety statement described
16 in paragraph (2) at the time such operator acti-
17 vates such system for the first time; and

1 “(B) require such operator to electronically
2 acknowledge that the operator has read and un-
3 derstands each component of the safety state-
4 ment.

5 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Administrator shall
6 develop, maintain, and periodically review and revise
7 requirements for the safety statement required
8 under paragraph (1), which shall include—

9 “(A) information on, and sources of, laws
10 and regulations applicable to the operation of
11 small unmanned aircraft systems, including—

12 “(i) authorizations or regulations de-
13 pending on the type of operation an indi-
14 vidual is conducting and the qualifications
15 or certification of the individual operating
16 such system; and

17 “(ii) requirements regarding the oper-
18 ation of a small unmanned aircraft system
19 under section 44809;

20 “(B) information on temporary flight re-
21 strictions, airspace restrictions specific to un-
22 manned aircraft systems, and other types of
23 airspace restrictions;

24 “(C) methods approved by the Adminis-
25 trator for determining whether the operation of

1 a small unmanned aircraft system in particular
2 airspace is lawful or unlawful;

3 “(D) recommendations for using small un-
4 manned aircraft systems in a manner that pro-
5 motes the safety of persons and property;

6 “(E) potential consequences for operating
7 a small unmanned aircraft system in an unsafe
8 or unlawful manner, including—

9 “(i) potential consequences for oper-
10 ating such a system in restricted airspace;
11 and

12 “(ii) any enforcement action the Ad-
13 ministrator may pursue against an indi-
14 vidual operating a small unmanned aircraft
15 system who endangers the safety of the na-
16 tional airspace system; and

17 “(F) the date on which the safety state-
18 ment was created or last modified.

19 “(3) EXAMPLE STATEMENT.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
21 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
22 section, the Administrator shall issue and there-
23 after maintain an example safety statement
24 that satisfies the requirements of paragraph
25 (2).

1 “(B) RESTRICTION.—The Administrator
2 may not require a manufacturer of a small un-
3 manned aircraft system to use the example
4 statement issued and maintained under sub-
5 paragraph (A).”.

6 (b) UPDATE OF SAFETY STATEMENT.—Not later
7 than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act,
8 and annually thereafter, the Administrator of the Federal
9 Aviation Administration shall review and revise, if nec-
10 essary, the requirements for the safety statement and the
11 example safety statement for small unmanned aircraft sys-
12 tems as required under section 44805(i) of title 49, United
13 States Code (as added by subsection (a)).

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2203 of the
15 FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (49
16 U.S.C. 44801 note) and the item relating to such section
17 in section 1(b) of such Act are repealed.

