AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4441
OFFERED BY MR. RODNEY DAVIS OF ILLINOIS

At the end of title IV of the bill, add the following new section:

SEC. 442. MICRO UAS OPERATIONS.

(a) In General.—Chapter 455 of title 49, United States Code, (as added by this Act) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

§ 45509. Micro UAS operations

(a) MICRO UAS CLASSIFICATION.—There is hereby established a micro UAS classification of unmanned aircraft systems, the aircraft component of which may not weigh more than 4.4 pounds, including payload.

(b) MICRO UAS OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS.—A micro UAS qualifies for the exemptions described under subsection (c) if such micro UAS is operated—

(1) below 400 feet above ground level;

(2) at an airspeed of not greater than 40 knots;

(3) within the visual line of sight of the operator;

(4) during daylight; and
“(5) at least 5 statute miles from the geographic center of a tower-controlled airport or airport denoted on a current FAA-published aeronautical chart, except that a micro UAS may be operated closer than 5 statute miles to the airport if—

“(A) the operator provides—

“(i) prior notice to the airport operator; and

“(ii) for a tower-controlled airport, prior notice to the air traffic control facility located at the airport; and

“(B) the operator is not advised by the airport operator or the air traffic control facility of any hazard that would cause the specific operation to endanger the life or property of another.

“(c) EXEMPTIONS FOR MICRO UAS.—

“(1) Notwithstanding sections 44703 and 44711 of title 49, United States Code, part 61 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, and any other law, rule, or regulation pertaining to airman certification, an operator of a micro UAS operated in accordance with subsection (b) of this section is not required to pass any aeronautical knowledge test or meet any age or experience requirement.
“(2) Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation pertaining to the certification of an aircraft or aircraft parts or equipment, a micro UAS and the component parts and equipment of such micro UAS are not required to meet airworthiness certification standards or to obtain certificates of airworthiness.

“(3) A micro UAS operated in accordance with subsection (b) of this section is exempt from sections 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1) and (2), and 91.417(a) and (b) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, and does not require a certificate of authorization or waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 455 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“45509. Micro UAS operations.”.