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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BURGESS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 “No Armed Drones Act  
5 of 2015” or the “NADA Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title III of the FAA  
3 Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (126 Stat. 72; 49  
4 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 **“SEC. 337. PROHIBITION TO PREVENT USE OF UNMANNED**  
7 **AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AS WEAPONS WHILE OP-**  
8 **ERATING IN NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM.**

9 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
10 tation may not authorize a person to operate an unmanned  
11 aircraft system in the national airspace system for the  
12 purpose, in whole or in part, of using the unmanned air-  
13 craft system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against  
14 a person or property.

15 “(b) GENERAL EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary may  
16 establish exceptions to the prohibition in subsection (a) for  
17 operations of unmanned aircraft systems related to—

18 “(1) recreational hunting;

19 “(2) animal control; and

20 “(3) such other purposes as the Secretary de-  
21 termines appropriate.

22 “(c) EXCEPTIONS FOR OPERATIONS OF PUBLIC UN-  
23 MANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.—The Secretary may estab-  
24 lish exceptions to the prohibition in subsection (a) for op-  
25 erations of public unmanned aircraft systems related to—

1           “(1) operations conducted by U.S. Customs and  
2           Border Protection;

3           “(2) operations conducted by the Department  
4           of Defense, including establishing areas of airspace  
5           for such operations under section 40103(b)(3) of  
6           title 49, United States Code; and

7           “(3) operations conducted by a governmental  
8           entity described in the definition of ‘public aircraft’  
9           in section 40102(a) of such title for national defense  
10          purposes or in response to a terrorist event.

11          “(d) PROCEDURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY.—  
12          In authorizing operations pursuant to subsections (b) and  
13          (c), the Secretary shall implement procedures to ensure  
14          that reasonable precautions are taken to protect public  
15          safety.

16          “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
17          definitions apply:

18                 “(1) PERSON.—The term ‘person’, in addition  
19                 to its meaning under section 1 of title 1, United  
20                 States Code, includes a governmental authority and  
21                 a trustee, receiver, assignee, and other similar rep-  
22                 resentative.

23                 “(2) WEAPON.—The term ‘weapon’ includes le-  
24                 thal and nonlethal weapons.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
2 contained in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by insert-  
3 ing after the item relating to section 336 the following:

“Sec. 337. Prohibitions to prevent use of unmanned aircraft systems as weap-  
ons while operating in national airspace system.”.