

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-25
OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND

Page 286, after line 4, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 4 ____ . UNSAFE OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in section 31—

5 (A) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) by redesignating paragraph (10) as
7 paragraph (11); and

8 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (9)
9 the following:

10 “(10) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.—The term ‘un-
11 manned aircraft’ has the meaning given such term
12 in section 44801 of title 49.”; and

13 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “air-
14 port” before “appliance”; and

15 (2) by inserting after section 39A the following:

16 **“§ 39B. Unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft**

17 “(a) OFFENSE.—Any person who operates an un-
18 manned aircraft and, in so doing, knowingly or recklessly
19 interferes with, or disrupts the operation of, an aircraft

1 or other airborne vehicle carrying 1 or more occupants op-
2 erating in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United
3 States, in a manner that poses an imminent safety hazard
4 to such occupants, shall be punished as provided in sub-
5 section (b).

6 “(b) PENALTY.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
8 graph (2), the punishment for an offense under sub-
9 section (a) shall be a fine under this title, imprison-
10 ment for not more than 1 year, or both.

11 “(2) SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.—Any
12 person who attempts to cause, or knowingly or reck-
13 lessly causes, serious bodily injury or death during
14 the commission of an offense under subsection (a)
15 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for any
16 term of years or for life, or both.

17 “(c) OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN CLOSE
18 PROXIMITY TO AIRPORTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The operation of an un-
20 manned aircraft, including operations covered under
21 section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform
22 Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–95), within a runway
23 exclusion zone shall be considered a violation of sub-
24 section (a) unless such operation has prior author-
25 ization from Air Traffic Control or is the result of

1 a circumstance, such as a malfunction, that could
2 not have been reasonably foreseen or prevented by
3 the operator.

4 “(2) RUNWAY EXCLUSION ZONE DEFINED.—In
5 this subsection, the term ‘runway exclusion zone’
6 means a rectangular area—

7 “(A) centered on the centerline of a run-
8 way of an airport; and

9 “(B) the length of which extends parallel
10 to the runway’s centerline to points that are 1
11 statute mile from each end of the runway and
12 the width of which is $\frac{1}{2}$ statute mile.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 for chapter 2 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
15 by inserting after the item relating to section 39A the fol-
16 lowing:

“39B. Unsafe operation of unmanned aircraft.”.

