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Page 139, strike lines 4 through 6 (and redesignate subsequent paragraphs accordingly).

Page 145, after line 21, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 3. SPECIAL RULE FOR MODEL AIRCRAFT.

(a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to the incorporation of unmanned aircraft systems into Federal Aviation Administration’s plans and policies, including this section, the Administrator shall not promulgate any rules or regulations regarding model aircraft or aircraft being developed as model aircraft if such aircraft—

(1) is flown strictly for recreational, sport, competition, or academic purposes;

(2) is operated in accordance with current Administration’s model aircraft operating standards (issued in an Advisory Circular on June 9, 1981)—

(A) operating site is of sufficient distance from populated areas;
(B) is not operated in the presence of spectators until the aircraft is successfully flight tested and proven airworthy;

(C) is not operated higher than 400 feet above the earth’s surface;

(D) when flying within 3 miles of an airport, the model aircraft operator notifies the airport operator, or when an air traffic facility is located at the airport, notifies the air traffic control tower, or light service station; and

(E) gives right of way to, and avoids flying in the proximity of, full-scale aircraft; and

(3) is limited to not more than 55 pounds.

(b) MODEL AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “model aircraft” means an unmanned radio-controlled aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere, navigating the airspace and flown within visual line-of-sight of the operator for the exclusive and intended use for sport, recreation, competition, or academic purposes.