

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1058

To authorize the use of certain Department of Justice grants to purchase and operate unmanned aircraft systems to benefit public safety.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Mr. CORREA (for himself and Mr. NEHLS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Directing Resources
5 for Officers Navigating Emergencies Act of 2025” or the
6 “DRONE Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.**

8 (a) BYRNE GRANTS.—Section 501(a)(1) of the Om-
9 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34

1 U.S.C. 10152(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(J) Programs to purchase and operate
4 unmanned aircraft systems (as such term is de-
5 fined in section 44801 of title 49, United States
6 Code) to benefit public safety.”.

7 (b) COPS GRANTS.—Section 1701(b) of the Omni-
8 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
9 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (23) and (24)
11 as paragraphs (24) and (25), respectively;

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (22) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(23) to purchase and operate unmanned air-
15 craft systems (as such term is defined in section
16 44801 of title 49, United States Code) to benefit
17 public safety;”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (24), as so redesignated, by
19 striking “(22)” and inserting “(23)”.

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