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To allow an individual to shoot an unmanned aircraft flying over property owned by the individual under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To allow an individual to shoot an unmanned aircraft flying over property owned by the individual under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

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 “Defense Against
5 Drones Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM UN-**
7 **MANNED AIRCRAFT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 448 of title 49, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 **“§ 44815. Protection of private property from un-**
2 **manned aircraft**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to applicable State law
4 relating to the discharge of a firearm, an individual may
5 shoot an unmanned aircraft using a legally obtained shot-
6 gun if the individual reasonably believes that such aircraft
7 is flying not more than 200 feet above property owned
8 by the individual.

9 “(b) RETURN OF AIRCRAFT.—An individual may, but
10 shall not be required to, return an unmanned aircraft shot
11 down under subsection (a) to the owner of such aircraft
12 upon request by such owner.

13 “(c) REPORTING.—Not later than 60 days after an
14 event in which an individual shoots an unmanned aircraft
15 under subsection (a) and is able to identify the registra-
16 tion number of such aircraft, the individual shall report
17 to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-
18 tion—

19 “(1) the address at which such event occurred;
20 and

21 “(2) such registration number.

22 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Administrator shall issue
23 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

24 “(e) DEFINITION OF SHOTGUN.—In this section, the
25 term ‘shotgun’ has the meaning given such term in section
26 921 of title 18, United States Code.

1 “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion shall be construed to preempt or otherwise have any
3 effect on any State law relating to tort liability or criminal
4 liability for an action taken under subsection (a).”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
6 ter 448 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
7 adding at the end the following:

“44815. Protection of private property from unmanned aircraft.”.

