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# H. R. 3796

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2025

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Safety from Aerial  
5 Technology Act” or the “SAT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

2 Section 60108 of title 49, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(f) INSPECTION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In requiring each owner or  
6 operator to inspect the surface conditions on or ad-  
7 jacent to each pipeline right-of-way, the Secretary  
8 shall allow use of unmanned aircraft systems and  
9 satellites.

10 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
11 this subsection shall be construed to affect the obli-  
12 gation of an owner or operator of an unmanned air-  
13 craft system or satellite to operate such system in  
14 accordance with laws and regulations regarding un-  
15 manned aircraft system or satellite use.”.

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