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S. 4318

To provide for an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) integration strategy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 9, 2024

Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To provide for an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) integration strategy.

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. UAS INTEGRATION STRATEGY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall imple-
5 ment the recommendations made by—

6 (1) the Comptroller General to the Secretary
7 contained in the report of the Government Account-
8 ability Office titled “Drones: FAA Should Improve
9 Its Approach to Integrating Drones into the Na-
10 tional Airspace System”, issued in January 2023
11 (GAO–23–105189); and

1 (2) the inspector general of the Department of
2 Transportation to the Administrator contained in
3 the audit report of the inspector general titled “FAA
4 Made Progress Through Its UAS Integration Pilot
5 Program, but FAA and Industry Challenges Remain
6 To Achieve Full UAS Integration”, issued in April
7 2022 (Project ID: AV2022027).

8 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 12 months after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
10 through 2028, the Administrator shall provide a briefing
11 to the appropriate committees of Congress that—

12 (1) provides a status update on the—

13 (A) implementation of the recommenda-
14 tions described in subsection (a);

15 (B) implementation of statutory provisions
16 related to unmanned aircraft system integration
17 under subtitle B of title III of division B of the
18 FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law
19 115–254); and

20 (C) actions taken by the Administrator to
21 implement recommendations related to safe in-
22 tegration of unmanned aircraft systems into the
23 national airspace system included in aviation
24 rulemaking committee reports published after

1 the date of enactment of the FAA Reauthoriza-
2 tion Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–254);

3 (2) provides a description of steps taken to
4 achieve the safe integration of such systems into the
5 national airspace system, including milestones and
6 performance metrics to track results;

7 (3) provides the costs of executing the integra-
8 tion described in paragraph (2), including any esti-
9 mates of future Federal resources or investments re-
10 quired to complete such integration; and

11 (4) identifies any regulatory or policy changes
12 required to execute the integration described in
13 paragraph (2).

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
16 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal
17 Aviation Administration.

18 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
19 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
20 gress” means the Committee on Commerce, Science,
21 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
22 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
23 House of Representatives.

1 (3) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—The term
2 “Comptroller General” means the Comptroller Gen-
3 eral of the United States.

4 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Transportation.

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