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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General to deputize a State or local law enforcement officer to protect certain events with temporary flight restrictions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Disabling Enemy
5 Flight Entry and Neutralizing Suspect Equipment Act”
6 or the “DEFENSE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DRONE COUNTERMEASURES TO PROTECT EVENTS.**

2 Section 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
 3 (6 U.S.C. 124n) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 4 lowing:

5 “(m) STADIUM SECURITY.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the Attor-
 7 ney General may deputize a State or local law en-
 8 forcement officer to exercise the authority granted
 9 by subsection (a), except that the authority is grant-
 10 ed solely for the purpose of protecting—

11 “(A) a site with respect to which a flight
 12 restriction is maintained pursuant to section
 13 521 of division F of the Consolidated Appro-
 14 priations Act, 2004 (49 U.S.C. 40103 note);

15 “(B) the location of an eligible large public
 16 gathering described in section 44812(c) of title
 17 49, United States Code; or

18 “(C) a public gathering otherwise pro-
 19 tected by a temporary flight restriction, at the
 20 discretion of the Administrator of the Federal
 21 Aviation Administration under the authority of
 22 section 40103(b) of title 49, United States
 23 Code.

24 “(2) TRAINING REQUIRED.—The Secretary or
 25 the Attorney General may deputize only a State or
 26 local law enforcement officer that has completed

1 training in the use of the authority described in
2 paragraph (1), as specified by the Secretary or At-
3 torney General in coordination with the Secretary of
4 Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal
5 Aviation Administration.

6 “(3) OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary or the Attor-
7 ney General, in coordination with the Secretary of
8 Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal
9 Aviation Administration, shall exercise oversight of
10 the use of the authority described in paragraph (1)
11 by a deputized State or local law enforcement offi-
12 cer.

13 “(4) AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT.—Equipment
14 authorized for unmanned aircraft system detection,
15 identification, monitoring, or tracking under this
16 subsection shall be limited to systems or technologies
17 that are included on a list of authorized equipment
18 maintained by the Department, in coordination with
19 the Department of Justice, the Federal Aviation Ad-
20 ministration, the Federal Communications Commis-
21 sion, and the National Telecommunications and In-
22 formation Administration.”.

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