AMENDMENT NO._______  Calendar No._______

Purpose: To provide for the operation of micro unmanned aircraft systems.

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To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _________________ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOKER

Viz:

1. On page 75, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

3. "(b) MICRO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL RULES.—"

5. "(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the rule-making required by section 332 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note), the Administrator shall issue regulations not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016 under which any person
may operate a micro unmanned aircraft system clas-
ifications of unmanned aircraft systems, the aircraft
component of which weighs 4.4 pounds or less, in-
cluding payload, without the person operating the
system being required to pass any airman certifi-
cation requirement, including any requirements
under section 44703 of this title, part 61 of title 14,
Code of Federal Regulations, or any other rule or
regulation relating to airman certification.

“(2) OPERATIONAL RULES.—The rulemaking
required by paragraph (1) relating to micro un-
manned aircraft systems shall consider the following
rules, or any appropriate modifications thereof con-
cerning altitude, airspeed, geographic location, and
time of day as the Administrator considers appro-
priate, for operation of such systems:

“(A) Operation an altitude of less than
400 feet above ground level.

“(B) Operation with an airspeed of not
greater than 40 knots.

“(C) Operation within the visual line of
sight of the operator.

“(D) Operation during the hours between
sunrise and sunset.
“(E) Operation not less than 5 statute miles from the geographic center of an airport with an operational air traffic control tower or an airport denoted on a current aeronautical chart published by the Federal Aviation Administration, except that a micro unmanned aircraft system may be operated within 5 statute miles of such an airport if the operator of the system—

“(i) provides notice to the airport operator; and

“(ii) in the case of an airport with an operational air traffic control tower, receives approval from the air traffic control tower.