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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “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.”.