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H. R. 2830

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to create a task force to process applications submitted for determinations, assessments, and waivers for unmanned aircraft systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. ROUZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Drone Backlog Reduc-

5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM WAIVER TASK**
2 **FORCE.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 30 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
5 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish an Un-
6 manned Aircraft System Waiver Task Force (hereinafter
7 referred to as the “Task Force”) to carry out the duties
8 described in subsection (b).

9 (b) **DUTIES.**—The Task Force shall process applica-
10 tions submitted for determinations and assessments under
11 section 44807 of title 49, United States Code, and waivers
12 for small unmanned aircraft systems under subpart D of
13 part 107 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to re-
14 duce the backlog and processing time of outstanding waiv-
15 er or exemption applications.

16 (c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Task Force shall be com-
17 posed of such employees of the Federal Aviation Adminis-
18 tration as the Administrator considers appropriate.

19 (d) **TERMINATION.**—The Task Force shall terminate
20 on the date that is 3 years after the establishment of the
21 Task Force.

22 (e) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 30 days
23 after the date of termination of the Task Force, the Ad-
24 ministrator shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
25 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
26 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

- 1 tation of the Senate a report containing a description of
- 2 the activities carried out by the Task Force, including the
- 3 number of waivers processed by the Task Force.

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