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## AN ACT

To amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code,  
to provide for the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
3 gress that members of a flight deck crew of a cargo air-  
4 craft should be armed with a firearm and taser to defend  
5 the cargo aircraft against an attack by terrorists that  
6 could result in the use of the aircraft as a weapon of mass  
7 destruction or for other terrorist purposes.

8 (b) ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.—  
9 Section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-  
10 ed—

11 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “passenger”  
12 each place that it appears;

13 (2) in subsection (k)(2) by striking “flight or,”  
14 and all that follows through “command” and insert-  
15 ing “flight or any other flight deck crew member”;  
16 and

17 (3) by adding at the end of subsection (k) the  
18 following:

19 “(3) ALL-CARGO AIR TRANSPORTATION.—In  
20 this section, the term ‘air transportation’ includes  
21 all-cargo air transportation.”.

22 (c) TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out  
23 the amendments made by subsection (b), the Under Sec-  
24 retary for Border and Transportation Security of the De-  
25 partment of Homeland Security shall ensure that pilots  
26 of both passenger and cargo aircraft are treated equitably

