

AN ACT

To amend section 2909.21 and to enact section 2909.081 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person from knowingly discharging a laser into the cockpit of an aircraft and to expand definitions related to terrorism.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 2909.21 be amended and section 2909.081 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2909.081. (A) No person shall knowingly discharge a laser or other device that creates visible light into the cockpit of an aircraft that is in the process of taking off or landing or is in flight.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of interfering with the operation of an aircraft with a laser, a felony of the second degree.

(C) As used in this section, "laser" means both of the following:

(1) Any device that utilizes the natural oscillations of atoms or molecules between energy levels for generating coherent electromagnetic radiation in the ultraviolet, visible, or infrared region of the spectrum and when discharged exceeds one milliwatt continuous wave;

(2) Any device designed or used to amplify electromagnetic radiation by simulated emission that is visible to the human eye.

Sec. 2909.21. As used in sections 2909.21 to 2909.34 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Act of terrorism" means an act that is committed within or outside the territorial jurisdiction of this state or the United States, that constitutes a specified offense if committed in this state or constitutes an offense in any jurisdiction within or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States containing all of the essential elements of a specified offense, and that is intended to do one or more of the following:

- (1) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
- (2) Influence the policy of any government by intimidation or coercion;
- (3) Affect the conduct of any government by the act that constitutes the offense.

(B) "Biological agent," "delivery system," "toxin," and "vector" have the

same meanings as in section 2917.33 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Biological weapon" means any biological agent, toxin, vector, or delivery system or combination of any biological agent or agents, any toxin or toxins, any vector or vectors, and any delivery system or systems.

(D) "Chemical weapon" means any one or more of the following:

(1) Any toxic chemical or precursor of a toxic chemical that is listed in Schedule 1, Schedule 2, or Schedule 3 of the international "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (CWC)," as entered into force on April 29, 1997;

(2) A device specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of a toxic chemical or precursor identified in division (D)(1) of this section that would be created or released as a result of the employment of that device;

(3) Any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of devices identified in division (D)(2) of this section.

(E) "Radiological or nuclear weapon" means any device that is designed to create or release radiation or radioactivity at a level that is dangerous to human life or in order to cause serious physical harm to persons as a result of the radiation or radioactivity created or released.

(F) "Explosive device" has the same meaning as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Key component of a binary or multicomponent chemical system" means the precursor that plays the most important role in determining the toxic properties of the final product and reacts rapidly with other chemicals in the binary or multicomponent chemical system.

(H) "Material assistance" means any of the following:

(1) Membership in an organization on the United States department of state terrorist exclusion list;

(2) Use of the person's position of prominence within any country to persuade others to support an organization on the United States department of state terrorist exclusion list;

(3) Knowingly soliciting funds or other things of value for an organization on the United States department of state terrorist exclusion list;

(4) Solicitation of any individual for membership in an organization on the United States department of state terrorist exclusion list;

(5) Commission of an act that the person knows, or reasonably should have known, affords material support or resources to an organization on the United States department of state terrorist exclusion list;

(6) Hiring or compensating a person known by the person hiring or

providing the compensation to be a member of an organization on the United States department of state terrorist exclusion list or a person known by the person hiring or providing the compensation to be engaged in planning, assisting, or carrying out an act of terrorism.

(I) "Material support or resources" means currency, payment instruments, other financial securities, funds, transfer of funds, financial services, communications, lodging, training, safe houses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials.

(J) "Payment instrument" means a check, draft, money order, traveler's check, cashier's check, teller's check, or other instrument or order for the transmission or payment of money, regardless of whether the item in question is negotiable.

(K) "Peace officer" and "prosecutor" have the same meanings as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Precursor" means any chemical reactant that takes part at any stage in the production by whatever method of a toxic chemical, including any key component of a binary or multicomponent chemical system.

(M) "Response costs" means all costs a political subdivision incurs as a result of, or in making any response to, a threat of a specified offense made as described in section 2909.23 of the Revised Code or a specified offense committed as described in section 2909.24 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, all costs so incurred by any law enforcement officers, firefighters, rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel of the political subdivision and all costs so incurred by the political subdivision that relate to laboratory testing or hazardous material cleanup.

(N) "Specified offense" means any of the following:

(1) A felony offense of violence, a violation of section 2909.04, 2909.081, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2909.26, 2909.27, 2909.28, 2909.29, or 2927.24 of the Revised Code, a felony of the first degree that is not a violation of any provision in Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code;

(2) An attempt to commit, complicity in committing, or a conspiracy to commit an offense listed in division (N)(1) of this section.

(O) "Toxic chemical" means any chemical that through its chemical action on life processes can cause death or serious physical harm to persons or animals, regardless of its origin or of its method of production and regardless of whether it is produced in facilities, in munitions, or elsewhere.

(P) "United States department of state terrorist exclusion list" and "terrorist exclusion list" means the list compiled by the United States

secretary of state, in consultation with or upon the request of the United States attorney general, that designates terrorist organizations for immigration purposes, ~~as authorized by the "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA Patriot Act) Act of 2001," Pub. L. No. 107-056, 115 Stat. 272, as amended.~~ "United States department of state terrorist exclusion list" and "terrorist exclusion list" also mean the list of terrorist organizations the director of public safety prepares pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, that is comprised of lists of organizations officials of the United States government designate as terrorist, including the "terrorist exclusion list" described in this division, the list of "foreign terrorist organizations" the Unites States secretary of state prepares in consultation with the United States attorney general and the United States secretary of the treasury, and the list of charities that support terrorist activities, known as "designated charities," that the United States department of treasury compiles.

(Q) "Hazardous radioactive substance" means any substance or item that releases or is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to human life.

SECTION 2. That existing section 2909.21 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

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Governor.

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