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H. R. 1262

[Report No. 117-43]

To establish a task force on improvements for certain notices to airmen,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Mr. DESAULNIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MAY 28, 2021

Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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to airmen, and for other purposes.

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 “Notice to Airmen Im-
5 provement Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FAA TASK FORCE ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
9 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a task
10 force to be known as the FAA Task Force on NOTAM
11 Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task
12 Force”).

13 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
14 members appointed by the Administrator, including at
15 least one member of each of the following:

16 (1) Air carrier representatives.

17 (2) Labor union representatives.

18 (3) General and business aviation representa-
19 tives.

20 (4) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
21 NOTAMs.

22 (5) Human factors experts.

23 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall in-
24 clude—

1 (1) reviewing existing methods for presenting
2 NOTAMs and flight operations information to pilots;

3 (2) reviewing regulations and policies relating
4 to NOTAMs, including their content and presen-
5 tation to pilots;

6 (3) evaluating and determining best practices to
7 organize, prioritize, and present flight operations in-
8 formation in a manner that optimizes pilot review
9 and retention of relevant information; and

10 (4) providing recommendations for—

11 (A) improving the presentation of NOTAM
12 information in a manner that prioritizes or
13 highlights the most important information, and
14 optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant
15 information;

16 (B) ways to ensure that NOTAMs are
17 complete, accurate, and contain the proper in-
18 formation;

19 (C) any best practices that the FAA
20 should consider to improve the accuracy and
21 understandability of NOTAMs and the display
22 of flight operations information; and

23 (D) ways to work with air carriers, other
24 airspace users, and aviation service providers to

1 implement solutions that are aligned with the
2 recommendations under this paragraph.

3 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
4 of the establishment of the Task Force, the Task Force
5 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
6 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
8 Senate a report detailing—

9 (1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of
10 the Task Force under paragraphs (1) through (3) of
11 subsection (c);

12 (2) the best practices identified and rec-
13 ommendations provided by the Task Force under
14 subsection (c)(4);

15 (3) any recommendations of the Task Force for
16 additional regulatory or policy actions to improve the
17 presentation of NOTAMs; and

18 (4) the degree to which implementing the rec-
19 ommendations of the Task Force described under
20 paragraph (2) will address National Transportation
21 Safety Board Safety Recommendation A-18-024.

22 (e) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Federal Advisory Com-
23 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Task
24 Force.

1 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
2 later of—

3 (1) the date on which the Task Force submits
4 the report required under subsection (d); or

5 (2) the date that is 18 months after the date
6 on which the Task Force is established under sub-
7 section (a).

8 (g) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall have the
9 authority to carry out the recommendations of the Task
10 Force detailed in the report required under subsection (d).

11 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
13 eral Aviation Administration.

14 (2) NOTAM.—The term “NOTAM” means no-
15 tices to airmen required by international or domestic
16 regulation or law, as described in the order issued by
17 the FAA on December 11, 2018, titled “Notices to
18 Airmen (NOTAM)”.

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