

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2285

To require the Federal Aviation Administration to implement a Government Accountability Office recommendation relating to helicopter noise in the Washington, DC area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2021

Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. TRONE) 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 “Washington, DC Area
5 Helicopter Noise Information Exchange Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION SHARING REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-

1 tation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal
2 Aviation Administration, shall establish a mechanism to
3 make helicopter noise complaint data accessible to the
4 Federal Aviation Administration and helicopter operators
5 operating in the Washington, DC area, based on the rec-
6 ommendation of the Government Accountability Office in
7 the report published on January 7, 2021, titled “Aircraft
8 Noise: Better Information Sharing Could Improve Re-
9 sponses to Washington, D.C. Area Helicopter Noise Con-
10 cerns”.

11 (b) COOPERATION.—Any helicopter operator oper-
12 ating in the Washington, DC area shall provide helicopter
13 noise complaint data to the Federal Aviation Administra-
14 tion through the mechanism established under subsection
15 (a).

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) HELICOPTER NOISE COMPLAINT DATA.—

18 The term “helicopter noise complaint data”—

19 (A) means general data relating to a com-
20 plaint made by an individual about helicopter
21 noise in the Washington, DC area and may in-
22 clude—

23 (i) the location and description of the
24 event that is the subject of the complaint;

1 (ii) the start and end time of such
2 event;

3 (iii) a description of the aircraft that
4 is the subject of the complaint; and

5 (iv) the airport name associated with
6 such event; and

7 (B) does not include the personally identi-
8 fiable information of the individual who sub-
9 mitted the complaint.

10 (2) WASHINGTON, DC AREA.—The term “Wash-
11 ington, DC area” means the area inside of a 30-mile
12 radius of Ronald Reagan Washington National Air-
13 port.

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