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# H. R. 7696

To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a Call to Action safety review of airport ramp worker safety, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOYLE of Oregon (for herself, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, and Mr. CASAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Airport Ramp Worker  
5 Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RAMP WORKER SAFETY CALL TO ACTION.**

7 (a) CALL TO ACTION RAMP WORKER SAFETY RE-  
8 VIEW.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-  
9 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Avia-

1 tion Administration shall initiate a Call to Action safety  
2 review of airport ramp worker safety in order to bring  
3 stakeholders together to share best practices and imple-  
4 ment actions to address airport ramp worker safety.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—The Call to Action safety review re-  
6 quired under subsection (a) shall include—

7 (1) a review of Administration regulations,  
8 guidance, and directives related to airport ramp  
9 worker procedures and oversight of such processes;

10 (2) a review of reportable accidents and inci-  
11 dents involving airport ramp workers, including any  
12 identified contributing factors to the reportable acci-  
13 dent or incident;

14 (3) a review of training and related educational  
15 materials for airport ramp workers, including super-  
16 visory employees;

17 (4) a review of devices and methods for commu-  
18 nication on the ramp;

19 (5) a review of markings on the ramp that de-  
20 fine restriction, staging, safety, or hazard zones;

21 (6) a review of aircraft jet blast and engine in-  
22 take safety markings; and

23 (7) a process for stakeholders, including air-  
24 lines, aircraft manufacturers, airports, labor, and

1 aviation safety experts, to provide feedback and  
2 share best practices.

3 (c) REPORT AND ACTIONS.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the conclusion of the Call to Action safety review  
5 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall—

6 (1) submit to the Committee on Transportation  
7 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
8 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
9 Transportation of the Senate a report on the results  
10 of the review and any recommendations for actions  
11 or best practices to improve airport ramp worker  
12 safety, including the identification of risks and pos-  
13 sible mitigations to be considered in any applicable  
14 safety management system of air carriers and air-  
15 ports; and

16 (2) initiate such actions as are necessary to act  
17 upon the findings of the review under subsection (b).

18 (d) TRAINING MATERIALS.—Not later than 6 months  
19 after the completion of the safety review required under  
20 subsection (a), the Administrator shall develop and pub-  
21 lish training and related educational materials about air-  
22 craft engine ingestion and jet blast hazards for ground  
23 crews (including supervisory employees) that includes in-  
24 formation on—

1           (1) the specific dangers and consequences of en-  
2           tering engine ingestion or jet blast zones;

3           (2) proper protocols to avoid entering an engine  
4           ingestion or jet blast zone; and

5           (3) on-the-job, instructor-led training to phys-  
6           ically demonstrate the engine ingestion zone bound-  
7           aries and jet blast zones for each kind of aircraft the  
8           ground crew may encounter.

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