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To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations to ensure that all crewmembers on air carriers have proper qualifications and experience, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Enhancing Flight
5 Crewmembers’ Training”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
8 Aviation Administration shall prescribe regulations in ac-

1 cordance with this section to require each air carrier that
2 holds a certificate under part 121 of title 14, Code of Fed-
3 eral Regulations (in this section referred to as a “part 121
4 air carrier”), to develop and implement standards and
5 methods for ensuring that crewmembers have proper
6 qualifications and experience to serve as crewmembers.

7 (b) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—In prescribing regu-
8 lations under subsection (a), the Administrator of the
9 Federal Aviation Administration shall require—

10 (1) each applicant for a position as a crew-
11 member on a part 121 air carrier to undergo com-
12 prehensive pre-employment screening that includes
13 an assessment of the skills, aptitudes, airmanship,
14 and suitability of the applicant for the position in
15 terms of the ability of the applicant to function ef-
16 fectively in the operational environment of the air
17 carrier; and

18 (2) by not later than the date that is 3 years
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each
20 crewmember on a part 121 air carrier—

21 (A) to obtain an airline transport pilot cer-
22 tificate under subpart G of part 61 of title 14,
23 Code of Federal Regulations; and

1 (B) to have appropriate multi-engine air-
2 craft flight experience, as determined by the
3 Administrator.

4 (c) TIME REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator of the
5 Federal Aviation Administration shall—

6 (1) issue a notice of proposed rulemaking with
7 respect to the regulations required under subsection
8 (a) not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
9 actment of this Act; and

10 (2) issue a final rule with respect to such regu-
11 lations not later than 24 months after such date of
12 enactment.

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