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111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To increase the safety for crew and passengers on an aircraft providing emergency medical services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To increase the safety for crew and passengers on an aircraft providing emergency medical services.

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 “Air Medical Safety
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING SAFETY FOR CREW AND PASSENGERS**
2 **ON AN AIRCRAFT PROVIDING EMERGENCY**
3 **MEDICAL SERVICES.**

4 (a) COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS.—Not later than 18
5 months after the date of enactment of this Act, a pilot
6 of an aircraft providing emergency medical services shall
7 comply with the regulations in part 135 of title 14, Code
8 of Federal Regulations, whenever there is a medical crew
9 on board, regardless of whether a patient is also on board.

10 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF FLIGHT RISK EVALUATION
11 PROGRAM.—Not later than 60 days after the date of en-
12 actment of this Act, the Administrator shall initiate, and
13 complete not later than 18 months thereafter, a rule-
14 making—

15 (1) to establish a standardized checklist of risk
16 evaluation factors based on Notice 8000.301 issued
17 by the Administration in August, 2005; and

18 (2) to require pilots of aircraft providing emer-
19 gency medical service to use the checklist to deter-
20 mine whether a mission should be accepted.

21 (c) COMPREHENSIVE CONSISTENT FLIGHT DIS-
22 PATCH PROCEDURES.—Not later than 60 days after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall ini-
24 tiate, and complete not later than 18 months thereafter,
25 a collaborative effort with the air medical community—

1 (1) to establish performance based flight dis-
2 patch procedures for pilots of aircraft providing
3 emergency medical services; and

4 (2) to develop a method to measure compliance
5 with those procedures.

6 (d) IMPROVING THE DATA AVAILABLE TO NTSB IN-
7 VESTIGATORS AT CRASH SITES.—

8 (1) STUDY.—Not later than one year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
10 shall complete a feasibility study of requiring flight
11 data and cockpit voice recorders on new and existing
12 aircraft providing emergency medical service oper-
13 ations. The study shall address, at a minimum,
14 issues related to survivability, weight, and financial
15 considerations of such a requirement.

16 (2) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 30 months
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
18 trator shall complete a rulemaking to require flight
19 data and cockpit voice recorders on board aircraft
20 providing emergency medical service operations.