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H. R. 1257

To direct the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, to amend certain regulations to require all helicopters and rotorcraft to fly at the maximum altitude permitted by the Federal Aviation Administration in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Ms. NORTON 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 “Reducing Helicopter
5 Noise in the District of Columbia Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HELICOPTER NOISE REDUCTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal
5 Aviation Administration, shall amend such regulations as
6 are necessary to require all helicopters and rotorcraft in
7 the District of Columbia to fly at the maximum altitude
8 permitted by the Federal Aviation Administration in the
9 District of Columbia.

10 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—In amending regulations under
11 subsection (a), the Secretary of Transportation shall ex-
12 empt the following activities:

13 (1) Ensuring the safe operation of the heli-
14 copter or rotorcraft and any other aircraft.

15 (2) Transporting the President or Vice Presi-
16 dent.

17 (3) Protecting the health of a patient in a med-
18 ical helicopter or rotorcraft.

19 (4) Taking off or landing a helicopter or rotor-
20 craft.

21 (5) During an active law enforcement or rescue
22 operation.

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