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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 16, 2011

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Los Angeles Residen-  
5       tial Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS TO REDUCE HELICOPTER NOISE**  
2 **POLLUTION IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL**  
3 **AREAS.**

4 (a) **REGULATIONS REQUIRED.**—Not later than 3  
5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-  
6 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall  
7 prescribe regulations for helicopter operations in Los An-  
8 geles County, California, that include requirements relat-  
9 ing to the flight paths and altitudes associated with such  
10 operations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residen-  
11 tial areas, increase safety, and minimize commercial air-  
12 craft delays.

13 (b) **EXEMPTIONS.**—In prescribing regulations under  
14 subsection (a), the Administrator shall exempt helicopter  
15 operations related to emergency, law enforcement, or mili-  
16 tary activities from the requirements described in that  
17 subsection.

18 (c) **CONSULTATIONS.**—In prescribing regulations  
19 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall make rea-  
20 sonable efforts to consult with local communities and local  
21 helicopter operators in order to develop regulations that  
22 meet the needs of local communities, helicopter operators,  
23 and the Federal Aviation Administration.

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