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H. R. 1262

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To establish a task force on improvements for certain notices
to airmen, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Notice to Airmen Im-
3 provement Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. FAA TASK FORCE ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
7 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a task
8 force to be known as the FAA Task Force on NOTAM
9 Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task
10 Force”).

11 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
12 members appointed by the Administrator, including at
13 least one member of each of the following:

14 (1) Air carrier representatives.

15 (2) Labor union representatives of airline pilots.

16 (3) Labor union certified under section 7111 of
17 title 5, United States Code, to represent FAA air
18 traffic control specialists assigned to the U.S.
19 NOTAM Office.

20 (4) Labor union certified under section 7111 of
21 title 5, United States Code, to represent FAA aero-
22 nautical information specialists.

23 (5) General and business aviation representa-
24 tives.

25 (6) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
26 NOTAMs.

1 (7) Human factors experts.

2 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall in-
3 clude—

4 (1) reviewing existing methods for presenting
5 NOTAMs and flight operations information to pilots;

6 (2) reviewing regulations and policies relating
7 to NOTAMs, including their content and presen-
8 tation to pilots;

9 (3) evaluating and determining best practices to
10 organize, prioritize, and present flight operations in-
11 formation in a manner that optimizes pilot review
12 and retention of relevant information; and

13 (4) providing recommendations for—

14 (A) improving the presentation of NOTAM
15 information in a manner that prioritizes or
16 highlights the most important information, and
17 optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant
18 information;

19 (B) ways to ensure that NOTAMs are
20 complete, accurate, and contain the proper in-
21 formation;

22 (C) any best practices that the FAA
23 should consider to improve the accuracy and
24 understandability of NOTAMs and the display
25 of flight operations information; and

1 (D) ways to work with air carriers, other
2 airspace users, and aviation service providers to
3 implement solutions that are aligned with the
4 recommendations under this paragraph.

5 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
6 of the establishment of the Task Force, the Task Force
7 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
8 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
10 Senate a report detailing—

11 (1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of
12 the Task Force under paragraphs (1) through (3) of
13 subsection (c);

14 (2) the best practices identified and rec-
15 ommendations provided by the Task Force under
16 subsection (c)(4);

17 (3) any recommendations of the Task Force for
18 additional regulatory or policy actions to improve the
19 presentation of NOTAMs; and

20 (4) the degree to which implementing the rec-
21 ommendations of the Task Force described under
22 paragraph (2) will address National Transportation
23 Safety Board Safety Recommendation A-18-024.

1 (e) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Federal Advisory Com-
2 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Task
3 Force.

4 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
5 later of—

6 (1) the date on which the Task Force submits
7 the report required under subsection (d); or

8 (2) the date that is 18 months after the date
9 on which the Task Force is established under sub-
10 section (a).

11 (g) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall have the
12 authority to carry out the recommendations of the Task
13 Force detailed in the report required under subsection (d).

14 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
16 eral Aviation Administration.

17 (2) NOTAM.—The term “NOTAM” means no-
18 tices to airmen required by international or domestic
19 regulation or law, as described in the order issued by

1 the FAA on December 11, 2018, titled “Notices to
2 Airmen (NOTAM)”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 15, 2021.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.