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H. R. 1775

[Report No. 116-67]

To establish a task force on NOTAM improvements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2019

Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Mr. DESAULNIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MAY 16, 2019

Additional sponsor: Mr. KATKO

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and ordered to be printed

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 “Notice to Airmen Im-
5 provement Act of 2019”.

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

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the
8 Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a special
9 task force to be known as the FAA Task Force on
10 NOTAM Improvement (in this section referred to as the
11 “Task Force”).

12 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
13 members appointed by the Administrator and shall include
14 the following:

15 (1) Air carrier representatives.

16 (2) Labor union representatives.

17 (3) General and business aviation representa-
18 tives.

19 (4) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
20 international and domestic regulatory requirements
21 for notices to airmen (in this section referred to as
22 “NOTAMs”).

23 (5) Human factors experts.

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

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

3 (2) reviewing regulations and policies relating
4 to NOTAMs, including their content and presen-
5 tation to pilots;

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

10 (4) providing recommendations in the following
11 areas:

12 (A) Improving the presentation of NOTAM
13 information in a manner that prioritizes or
14 highlights the most important information, and
15 optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant
16 information.

17 (B) Ways to ensure that NOTAMs are
18 complete, accurate, and contain the proper in-
19 formation.

20 (C) Any other best practices that the FAA
21 should consider to improve the accuracy and
22 understandability of NOTAMs and the display
23 of flight operations information.

24 (D) Ways to work with air carriers, other
25 airspace users, and aviation service providers to

1 implement solutions that are aligned with the
2 recommendations under this paragraph.

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

9 (1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of
10 the Task Force under subsection (c);

11 (2) the best practices identified and rec-
12 ommendations provided by the Task Force under
13 subsection (c);

14 (3) any recommendations of the Task Force for
15 additional regulatory or policy actions to improve the
16 presentation of NOTAMs; and

17 (4) the degree to which implementing the rec-
18 ommendations of the Task Force will address Na-
19 tional Transportation Safety Board Safety Rec-
20 ommendation A-18-024.

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

24 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
25 earlier of—

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

3 (2) the date that is 18 months after the date
4 on which the Task Force is established under sub-
5 section (a).

6 (g) **AUTHORITY.**—The Administrator shall have the
7 authority to carry out the recommendations of the Task
8 Force outlined in the report required under subsection (d).

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