

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1262, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1262

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

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

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of

1 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a task
2 force to be known as the FAA Task Force on NOTAM
3 Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task
4 Force”).

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

8 (1) Air carrier representatives.

9 (2) Labor union representatives of airline pilots.

10 (3) Labor union certified under section 7111 of
11 title 5, United States Code, to represent FAA air
12 traffic control specialists assigned to the U.S.
13 NOTAM Office.

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

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

19 (6) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
20 NOTAMs.

21 (7) Human factors experts.

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

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

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

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

8 (4) providing recommendations for—

9 (A) improving the presentation of NOTAM
10 information in a manner that prioritizes or
11 highlights the most important information, and
12 optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant
13 information;

14 (B) ways to ensure that NOTAMs are
15 complete, accurate, and contain the proper in-
16 formation;

17 (C) any best practices that the FAA
18 should consider to improve the accuracy and
19 understandability of NOTAMs and the display
20 of flight operations information; and

21 (D) ways to work with air carriers, other
22 airspace users, and aviation service providers to
23 implement solutions that are aligned with the
24 recommendations under this paragraph.

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

7 (1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of
8 the Task Force under paragraphs (1) through (3) of
9 subsection (c);

10 (2) the best practices identified and rec-
11 ommendations provided by the Task Force under
12 subsection (c)(4);

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

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

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

23 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
24 later 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 detailed in the report required under subsection (d).

9 (h) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

10 (1) **FAA.**—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
11 eral Aviation Administration.

12 (2) **NOTAM.**—The term “NOTAM” means no-
13 tices to airmen required by international or domestic
14 regulation or law, as described in the order issued by
15 the FAA on December 11, 2018, titled “Notices to
16 Airmen (NOTAM)”.