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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. RECORDS OF EMPLOYMENT OF PILOT APPLI-**
2 **CANTS.**

3 Section 44936(f) of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “Before hiring
6 an individual” and inserting “Subject to paragraph
7 (14), before allowing an individual to begin service”;

8 (2) in paragraph (1)(B) by inserting “as a pilot
9 of a civil or public aircraft” before “at any time”;

10 (3) in paragraph (4)—

11 (A) by inserting “and air carriers” after
12 “Administrator”; and

13 (B) by striking “paragraph (1)(A)” and
14 inserting “paragraphs (1)(A) and (1)(B)”;

15 (4) in paragraph (5) by striking “this para-
16 graph” and inserting “this subsection”;

17 (5) in paragraph (10)—

18 (A) by inserting “who is or has been” be-
19 fore “employed”; and

20 (B) by inserting “, but not later than 30
21 days after the date” after “reasonable time”;
22 and

23 (6) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(14) SPECIAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO CER-
25 TAIN PILOTS.—

1 “(A) PILOTS OF CERTAIN SMALL AIR-
2 CRAFT.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an air
3 carrier, before receiving information requested
4 about an individual under paragraph (1), may
5 allow the individual to begin service for a period
6 not to exceed 90 days as a pilot of an aircraft
7 with a maximum payload capacity (as defined
8 in section 119.3 of title 14, Code of Federal
9 Regulations) of 7,500 pounds or less, or a heli-
10 copter, on a flight that is not a scheduled oper-
11 ation (as defined in such section). Before the
12 end of the 90-day period, the air carrier shall
13 obtain and evaluate such information. The con-
14 tract between the carrier and the individual
15 shall contain a term that provides that the con-
16 tinuation of the individual’s employment, after
17 the last day of the 90-day period, depends on
18 a satisfactory evaluation.

19 “(B) GOOD FAITH EXCEPTION.—Notwith-
20 standing paragraph (1), an air carrier, without
21 obtaining information about an individual under
22 paragraph (1)(B) from an air carrier or other
23 person that no longer exists, may allow the in-
24 dividual to begin service as a pilot if the air
25 carrier required to request the information has

1 made a documented good faith attempt to
2 obtain such information.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 9,
1997.

Attest:

Clerk.