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# H. R. 8072

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2026

Mr. BARRETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Safety in Shared Skies  
5       Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. TESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC DE-**  
2 **PENDENT SURVEILLANCE-BROADCAST OUT**  
3 **TRANSPONDER SYSTEMS ON DEPARTMENT**  
4 **OF DEFENSE AIRCRAFT.**

5 (a) UNIFORM STANDARDS.—The Secretary of De-  
6 fense shall establish uniform standards under which the  
7 Secretary shall test and certify, at least once every 90  
8 days, each automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast out  
9 transponder system installed on a Department of Defense  
10 aircraft if the aircraft is operated in United States air-  
11 space.

12 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than  
13 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
14 every 180 days thereafter until the date that is two years  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
16 shall submit to Congress a report that includes, for the  
17 period covered by the report, a detailed description of the  
18 testing and certification conducted pursuant to the uni-  
19 form standards established under subsection (a), including  
20 a description of any failures of an automatic dependent  
21 surveillance-broadcast out transponder system.

22 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS.—Not later than  
23 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
24 not later than the date that is two years after the date  
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the  
26 Department of Defense shall—

- 1           (1) conduct an audit to ensure the Secretary is  
2           in compliance with the testing and certification re-  
3           quirements under subsection (a); and
- 4           (2) submit to Congress a report that includes—
- 5                 (A) the results of the audit; and
- 6                 (B) the recommendation of the Inspector  
7           General as to whether the reporting require-  
8           ment under subsection (b) and the audit re-  
9           quirement under this subsection should be ex-  
10          tended.

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