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To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish the list of medications that the Administrator has compiled for purposes of the medical certification of airmen and air traffic control specialists, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, with an amendment

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A BILL

To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish the list of medications that the Administrator has compiled for purposes of the medical certification of airmen and air traffic control specialists, 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 “Aviation Medication
 5 Transparency Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. AVIATION MEDICATION TRANSPARENCY; LIST OF**
 7 **APPROVED MEDICATIONS.**

8 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to ensure
 9 that aviation stakeholders, including airmen, air traffic
 10 control specialists, and individuals training to become air-
 11 men or air traffic control specialists, who are applicants
 12 for medical certification are informed, in a user-friendly
 13 and accessible manner, of the medications they may be
 14 safely prescribed.

15 (b) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
 16 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
 17 Federal Aviation Administration (in this section referred
 18 to as the “Administrator”) shall publish and maintain on
 19 a publicly available website of the Federal Aviation Ad-
 20 ministration (in this section referred to as the “FAA”)
 21 a list of medications that the Administrator, as of the date
 22 of publication, has—

23 (1) determined may be safely prescribed to an
 24 applicant for medical certification to treat certain
 25 medical conditions; and

1 (2) approved for purposes of the issuance of a
 2 medical certification to an airman or air traffic con-
 3 trol specialist.

4 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—To ensure medical appro-
 5 priateness, user-friendliness, and appropriate dissemina-
 6 tion, the list required under subsection (b) shall—

7 (1) be drafted in consultation with—

8 (A) the Aeromedical Innovation and Mod-
 9 ernization Working Group (established under
 10 section 411(a) of the FAA Reauthorization Act
 11 of 2024 (49 U.S.C. 44703 note)) (in this sec-
 12 tion referred to as the “Working Group”);

13 (B) institutions of higher education that
 14 are accredited by the Aviation Accreditation
 15 Board International;

16 (C) the certified exclusive bargaining rep-
 17 resentatives of air traffic controllers of the FAA
 18 certified under section 7111 of title 5, United
 19 States Code;

20 (D) organizations representing certified
 21 collective bargaining representative of airline pi-
 22 lots; and

23 (E) any other stakeholder determined rel-
 24 evant by the Working Group;

1 (2) cover all medications approved by the Ad-
2 ministrators, including prescription medications and
3 over-the-counter medications;

4 (3) be drafted in a user-friendly and accessible
5 manner and provided to airmen, air traffic control
6 specialists, and individuals training to become air-
7 men or air traffic control specialists at the time
8 when any such individual first seeks a medical cer-
9 tification;

10 (4) if applicable, indicate the minimum and av-
11 erage period of time an airman or air traffic control
12 specialist is required to have limited or no duties to
13 stabilize on an approved medication;

14 (5) include the list of medications that the Ad-
15 ministrators has designated as “Do Not Issue”;

16 (6) include information for doctors or medical
17 providers to contact the FAA regarding questions
18 related to such list, including through a new or ex-
19 isting mechanism that is accessible to such doctors
20 and medical providers;

21 (7) include any additional information that the
22 Administrator determines is appropriate to provide
23 with respect to what conditions a certain medication
24 may or may not be used to treat, as well as any in-

1 formation to explain why a medication is allowed or
2 prohibited by the FAA; and

3 ~~(8) include any other information or clarifica-~~
4 ~~tion that the Administrator determines appropriate.~~

5 ~~(d) ANNUAL UPDATE.—Not later than 1 year after~~
6 ~~the date of publication of the list required under sub-~~
7 ~~section (b), and annually thereafter, the Administrator~~
8 ~~shall update such list, as appropriate.~~

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

10 *This Act may be cited as the “Aviation Medication*
11 *Transparency Act of 2026”.*

12 **SEC. 2. AVIATION MEDICATION TRANSPARENCY; LIST OF**
13 **APPROVED MEDICATIONS.**

14 ~~(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to ensure~~
15 ~~that aviation stakeholders, including airmen, air traffic~~
16 ~~control specialists, and individuals training to become air-~~
17 ~~men or air traffic control specialists, who are applicants~~
18 ~~for medical certification or medical clearance, are informed,~~
19 ~~in a user-friendly and accessible manner, of—~~

20 ~~(1) the medications on the “Do Not Issue” or~~
21 ~~“Do Not Fly” lists;~~

22 ~~(2) the medications they may safely purchase~~
23 ~~over-the-counter or be prescribed; and~~

24 ~~(3) under what conditions the medications de-~~
25 ~~scribed in paragraph (2) may be safely used in the~~

1 *aviation environment, consistent with the information*
2 *provided in the Guide for Aviation Medical Exam-*
3 *iners (including any update to such Guide), which is*
4 *updated monthly, or successor documents issued by*
5 *the Federal Air Surgeon.*

6 *(b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date*
7 *of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal*
8 *Aviation Administration (in this section referred to as the*
9 *“Administrator”)* shall publish and maintain on a publicly
10 *available website of the Federal Aviation Administration*
11 *(in this section referred to as the “FAA”) a list of medica-*
12 *tions that the Administrator, as of the date of publication,*
13 *has—*

14 *(1) determined may be safely prescribed to or*
15 *purchased over-the-counter by an applicant for med-*
16 *ical certification or medical clearance to treat med-*
17 *ical conditions; and*

18 *(2) approved for purposes of the issuance of a*
19 *medical certification or medical clearance to—*

20 *(A) an airman who requires a medical cer-*
21 *tificate or a medical clearance; or*

22 *(B) an air traffic control specialist who re-*
23 *quires medical clearance.*

1 (c) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*To ensure information trans-*
 2 *parency, user-friendliness, and appropriate dissemination,*
 3 *the list required under subsection (b) shall—*

4 (1) *incorporate, prior to dissemination, consulta-*
 5 *tion with—*

6 (A) *the Aeromedical Innovation and Mod-*
 7 *ernization Working Group (established under*
 8 *section 411(a) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of*
 9 *2024 (49 U.S.C. 44703 note)) (in this section re-*
 10 *ferred to as the “Working Group”);*

11 (B) *organizations representing collective*
 12 *bargaining representatives of airline pilots;*

13 (C) *the certified exclusive bargaining rep-*
 14 *resentatives of air traffic controllers of the FAA*
 15 *certified under section 7111 of title 5, United*
 16 *States Code;*

17 (D) *institutions of higher education that are*
 18 *accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board*
 19 *International;*

20 (E) *professional pilot flight training schools*
 21 *certified under part 141 of title 14, Code of Fed-*
 22 *eral Regulations;*

23 (F) *the Civil Aviation Medical Association;*

24 (G) *organizations representing general*
 25 *aviation operators and pilots; and*

1 (H) any other stakeholder determined rel-
2 evant by the Administrator;

3 (2) regarding treatment of medical conditions
4 that may impact the performance of duties or the ex-
5 ercise of privileges of an airman certificate, include—

6 (A) medications allowed by the Adminis-
7 trator, including prescription medications and
8 over-the-counter medications;

9 (B) contra-indications associated with the
10 medications described in subparagraph (A); and

11 (C) whether such medications may require
12 review by the FAA;

13 (3) be drafted in a user-friendly and accessible
14 manner and, in addition to being made publicly
15 available pursuant to subsection (b), made available
16 on MedXPress for airmen, air traffic control special-
17 ists, and individuals training to become airmen or
18 air traffic control specialists at the time when any
19 such individual first seeks a medical certification or
20 medical clearance;

21 (4) if practicable, indicate the minimum period
22 of time an airman, air traffic control specialist, or
23 individual training to become an airman or air traf-
24 fic control specialist is required to have limited or no

1 *duties to stabilize on a medication allowed by the Ad-*
 2 *ministrator;*

3 *(5) include the list of medications that the Ad-*
 4 *ministrator has designated as “Do Not Issue” or “Do*
 5 *Not Fly”;*

6 *(6) include information for doctors or medical*
 7 *providers to contact the FAA regarding questions re-*
 8 *lated to the list published under subsection (b), in-*
 9 *cluding through a new or existing mechanism that is*
 10 *accessible to such doctors and medical providers; and*

11 *(7) include any other information or clarifica-*
 12 *tion that the Administrator determines appropriate.*

13 *(d) LIST UPDATE.—Not later than 1 year after the*
 14 *date of publication of the list required under subsection (b),*
 15 *and when relevant information in the Guide for Aviation*
 16 *Medical Examiners (or any successor document) or other*
 17 *relevant FAA medical certification policy is updated, the*
 18 *Administrator shall update such list, as appropriate.*

19 *(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—The publication of the list de-*
 20 *scribed in subsection (b) shall not be construed as assigning*
 21 *liability to the Administrator for any situation in which*
 22 *an airman, air traffic control specialist, or applicant relies*
 23 *on such list in deciding whether to use a medication on*
 24 *the list and—*

- 1 (1) *experiences an adverse medical reaction from*
2 *the use of such medication;*
- 3 (2) *causes harm or injury to persons or property*
4 *after using such medication; or*
- 5 (3) *is deemed by an aviation medical examiner*
6 *or the FAA to be ineligible for a medical certification*
7 *or medical clearance.*

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