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# S. 1881

To amend title 49, United States Code, relating to the installation of emergency locator transmitters on aircraft.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 1998

Mr. LIEBERMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Airplane Emergency  
5       Locator Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

8               (1) on December 24, 1996, a plane piloted by  
9       Johan Schwartz and Patrick Hayes disappeared  
10      near Lebanon, New Hampshire;

1           (2) an extensive search was conducted by the  
 2       States of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont,  
 3       New York, Maine, and Massachusetts, in coopera-  
 4       tion with the Federal Government, in an unsucces-  
 5       ful effort to locate the plane and any survivors;

6           (3) the plane described in paragraph (1) was  
 7       not required under law to carry an emergency loca-  
 8       tor transmitter; and

9           (4) emergency locator transmitters have been  
 10      found to be very helpful in locating downed aircraft  
 11      and saving lives.

12 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENT.**

13       Section 44712(b) of title 49, United States Code, is  
 14      amended to read as follows:

15       “(b) NONAPPLICATION.—Subsection (a) does not  
 16      apply to aircraft when used in—

17           “(1) flight operations related to the design and  
 18       testing, manufacture, preparation, and delivery of  
 19       aircraft; or

20           “(2) the aerial application of a substance for an  
 21       agricultural purpose.”.

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