

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1285

To amend section 40102(37) of title 49, United States Code, to modify the definition of the term “public aircraft” to provide for certain law enforcement and emergency response activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 1999

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Law Enforcement Pub-
5 lic Aviation Reform Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.**

7 The flush sentence following subparagraph (B)(ii) of
8 section 40102(37) of title 49, United States Code, is

1 amended by striking “if the unit of government on whose
2 behalf the operation is conducted certifies to the Adminis-
3 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration that the op-
4 eration was necessary to respond to a significant and im-
5 minent threat to life or property (including natural re-
6 sources) and that no service by a private operator was rea-
7 sonably available to meet the threat” and inserting “if the
8 operation is conducted for law enforcement, search and
9 rescue, or responding to an imminent threat to life, prop-
10 erty, or natural resources”.

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