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H. R. 2958

To improve passenger airline safety and security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Passenger Airline Safety
5 and Security Act”.

**6 SEC. 2. AVIATION SAFETY AND SUPPRESSION OF TER-
7 RORISM BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.**

8 (a) POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON COMMERCIAL
9 FLIGHTS.—No department or agency may prohibit a pilot,
10 co-pilot, or navigator of a commercial aircraft, or any law
11 enforcement personnel specifically detailed for the protec-
12 tion of a commercial aircraft who is not otherwise prohib-

1 ited by law from possessing a firearm, from possessing or
2 carrying a firearm for the protection of the aircraft.

3 (b) REINFORCED COCKPIT DOORS ON COMMERCIAL
4 AIRCRAFT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, a commercial aircraft described in
7 paragraph (2) that is operated in the United States
8 shall possess a door, doors, or hardened bulkhead
9 separating the crew cabin of such aircraft from the
10 passenger cabin of such aircraft, which door, doors,
11 or hardened bulkhead shall be certified by the Sec-
12 retary as being secure against forcible entry from
13 the passenger cabin into the crew cabin of such air-
14 craft.

15 (2) COVERED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.—A com-
16 mercial aircraft described in this paragraph is any
17 commercial aircraft that, as determined by the Sec-
18 retary, is configured so as to permit a door to sepa-
19 rate the crew cabin and passenger cabin of such air-
20 craft.

21 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe
22 regulations for the purposes of this section.

23 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than six
24 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
25 every six months thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to

1 Congress a report on the effectiveness of the requirements
2 in this section in facilitating commercial aviation safety
3 and the suppression of terrorism by commercial aircraft.

4 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
5 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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