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H. R. 488

To promote greater access to air transportation for all persons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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persons.

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 “Serving Economies
5 through Aviation and Technology in the 21st Century
6 (SEAT 21) Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO AIR TRANSPORTATION.**

8 In order to promote greater access to air transpor-
9 tation for all persons, the Secretary of Transportation
10 shall permit a public charter operator, operating under
11 part 380 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to uti-

1 lize any direct air carrier certificated under part 121 or
2 135 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, either alone
3 or in combination with any other such direct air carrier,
4 in conducting public charters.

5 **SEC. 3. SERVICE TO ALL COMMUNITIES.**

6 (a) SMALL COMMUNITY SERVICE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
8 graph (2), in order to support air transportation
9 service to small communities, the Secretary of
10 Transportation shall permit public charter oper-
11 ations in turbine-powered aircraft with 9 or fewer
12 passenger seats, conducted under part 380 of title
13 14, Code of Federal Regulations and utilizing part
14 135 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations—

15 (A) if each on-demand air carrier provides
16 scheduled air service with a frequency of oper-
17 ations of less than 5 round trips per week on
18 all routes between 2 or more points according
19 to the published flight schedule; or

20 (B) certificated commuter air carriers, to
21 conduct a series of trips if the commuter air
22 carrier provides scheduled air service with a fre-
23 quency of operations of 5 or more round trips
24 per week on any route between 2 or more

1 points according to the published flight sched-
2 ule.

3 (2) AIRPORT PARTICIPATION.—An airport au-
4 thority, municipality, or other airport governing
5 body may choose not to receive air transportation
6 services described in paragraph (1) if such airport
7 notifies the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
8 Administration not later than 180 days after making
9 such choice.

10 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—The Administrator of
11 the Federal Aviation Administration shall publish a
12 monthly list of airports that decline air transportation
13 services under subsection (a).

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