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To increase the safety for crew and passengers on an aircraft providing emergency medical services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOOLITTLE (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To increase the safety for crew and passengers on an aircraft providing emergency medical services.

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. INCREASING SAFETY FOR CREW AND PAS-**
4 **SENGERS ON AN AIRCRAFT PROVIDING**
5 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

6 (a) COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS.—Not later than 18
7 months after the date of enactment of this Act, a pilot
8 of an aircraft providing emergency medical services shall
9 comply with the regulations in part 135 of title 14, Code
10 of Federal Regulations, whenever there is a medical crew

1 on board, without regard to whether there are patients on
2 board the aircraft, unless the pilot and aircraft are oper-
3 ating under instrument flight rules, in which case the duty
4 and rest time regulations in part 135 of title 14 of the
5 Federal Code of Regulations shall apply.

6 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF FLIGHT RISK EVALUATION
7 PROGRAM.—Not later than 60 days after the date of en-
8 actment of this Act, the Administrator shall initiate, and
9 complete not later than 18 months thereafter, a rule-
10 making—

11 (1) to establish a standardized checklist of risk
12 evaluation factors based on Notice 8000.301 issued
13 by the Administration in August, 2005; and

14 (2) to require pilots of aircraft providing emer-
15 gency medical service to use the checklist to deter-
16 mine whether a mission should be accepted.

17 (c) COMPREHENSIVE CONSISTENT FLIGHT DIS-
18 PATCH PROCEDURES.—Not later than 60 days after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall ini-
20 tiate, and complete not later than 18 months thereafter,
21 a collaborative effort with the air medical community—

22 (1) to establish performance based flight dis-
23 patch procedures for pilots of aircraft providing
24 emergency medical services; and

1 (2) to develop a method to measure compliance
2 with those procedures.

3 (d) IMPROVING THE DATA AVAILABLE TO NTSB IN-
4 VESTIGATORS AT CRASH SITES.—

5 (1) STUDY.—Not later than one year after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
7 shall complete a feasibility study of requiring flight
8 data and cockpit voice recorders on new and existing
9 aircraft providing emergency medical service oper-
10 ations. The study shall address, at a minimum,
11 issues related to survivability, weight, and financial
12 considerations of such a requirement.

13 (2) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 30 months
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
15 trator shall complete a rulemaking to require flight
16 data and cockpit voice recorders on board aircraft
17 providing emergency medical service operations.

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