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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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 “Saracini Aviation Safe-
5 ty Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECONDARY COCKPIT BARRIERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of

1 the Federal Aviation Administration shall issue an order
2 that requires—

3 (1) on each covered aircraft the installation of
4 a barrier, other than the cockpit door, that prevents
5 access to the flight deck of the aircraft; and

6 (2) for a covered aircraft—

7 (A) that is equipped with a cockpit door,
8 that the barrier required under paragraph (1)
9 remain locked while—

10 (i) the aircraft is in flight; and

11 (ii) the cockpit door separating the
12 flight deck and the passenger area is open;
13 and

14 (B) that is not equipped with a cockpit
15 door, that the barrier required under paragraph
16 (1) remain locked as determined appropriate by
17 the pilot in command.

18 (b) COVERED AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section,
19 the term “covered aircraft” means a commercial air-
20 craft—

21 (1) operating under part 121 of title 14, Code
22 of Federal Regulations;

23 (2) equipped with more than 75 passenger
24 seats; and

- 1 (3) with a maximum gross takeoff weight that
- 2 exceeds 75,000 pounds.

