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H. R. 4598

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require all-cargo aircraft to be equipped with cockpit doors that meet certain safety requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2021

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CARSON, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) 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 the “Cargo Flight Deck
5 Security Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED ALL-CARGO FLIGHT DECK INTEGRITY**
2 **MEASURES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 44741. All-cargo flight deck integrity measures**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for an air
8 carrier to operate a covered aircraft after January 1,
9 2023, regardless of the date of such aircraft’s type certifi-
10 cation, in a covered operation unless such aircraft is
11 equipped with a cockpit door that—

12 “(1) meets the requirements of section
13 25.795(a) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations,
14 with respect to intrusion resistance; and

15 “(2) remains locked while the aircraft is in
16 flight, as directed by the pilot in command of such
17 aircraft.

18 “(b) EFFECT OF RULEMAKING.—The requirement of
19 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2023, re-
20 gardless of whether the Administrator of the Federal Avia-
21 tion Administration has issued regulations to implement
22 such requirement.

23 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) COVERED AIRCRAFT.—The term ‘covered
25 aircraft’ means an aircraft used in all-cargo air

1 transportation with a maximum certificated payload
2 capacity that exceeds 6,500 pounds.

3 “(2) COVERED OPERATION.—The term ‘covered
4 operation’ means an operation in all-cargo air trans-
5 portation under the provisions of part 121 of title
6 14, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
8 ter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
9 adding at the end the following:

“44741. All-cargo flight deck integrity measures.”.

10 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

11 (a) SECTION 44737.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
12 States Code, is amending by redesignating the second sec-
13 tion 44737 (as added by section 581 of the FAA Reau-
14 thorization Act of 2018) as section 44740.

15 (b) ANALYSIS.—The analysis for chapter 447 of title
16 49, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by striking the item relating to the second
18 section 44737 (as added by section 581 of the FAA
19 Reauthorization Act of 2018); and

20 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
21 tion 44739 the following new item:

“44740. Special rule for certain aircraft operations.”.

22 (c) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN AIRCRAFT OPER-
23 ATIONS.—Section 44740 of title 49, United States Code,
24 (as redesignated by subsection (a)) is amended—

- 1 (1) in the heading, by striking the period at the
- 2 end;
- 3 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “(1)” the
- 4 second time it appears; and
- 5 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by adding a period at
- 6 the end.

