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To establish a task force on improvements for certain notices to airmen,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Mr. DESAULNIER) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
structure

A BILL

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to airmen, and for other purposes.

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 “Notice to Airmen Im-
5 provement Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FAA TASK FORCE ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
9 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a task
10 force to be known as the FAA Task Force on NOTAM

1 Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task
2 Force”).

3 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
4 members appointed by the Administrator, including at
5 least one member of each of the following:

6 (1) Air carrier representatives.

7 (2) Labor union representatives.

8 (3) General and business aviation representa-
9 tives.

10 (4) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
11 NOTAMs.

12 (5) Human factors experts.

13 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall in-
14 clude—

15 (1) reviewing existing methods for presenting
16 NOTAMs and flight operations information to pilots;

17 (2) reviewing regulations and policies relating
18 to NOTAMs, including their content and presen-
19 tation to pilots;

20 (3) evaluating and determining best practices to
21 organize, prioritize, and present flight operations in-
22 formation in a manner that optimizes pilot review
23 and retention of relevant information; and

24 (4) providing recommendations for—

1 (A) improving the presentation of NOTAM
2 information in a manner that prioritizes or
3 highlights the most important information, and
4 optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant
5 information;

6 (B) ways to ensure that NOTAMs are
7 complete, accurate, and contain the proper in-
8 formation;

9 (C) any best practices that the FAA
10 should consider to improve the accuracy and
11 understandability of NOTAMs and the display
12 of flight operations information; and

13 (D) ways to work with air carriers, other
14 airspace users, and aviation service providers to
15 implement solutions that are aligned with the
16 recommendations under this paragraph.

17 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of the establishment of the Task Force, the Task Force
19 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
20 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
21 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
22 Senate a report detailing—

23 (1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of
24 the Task Force under paragraphs (1) through (3) of
25 subsection (c);

1 (2) the best practices identified and rec-
2 ommendations provided by the Task Force under
3 subsection (c)(4);

4 (3) any recommendations of the Task Force for
5 additional regulatory or policy actions to improve the
6 presentation of NOTAMs; and

7 (4) the degree to which implementing the rec-
8 ommendations of the Task Force described under
9 paragraph (2) will address National Transportation
10 Safety Board Safety Recommendation A-18-024.

11 (e) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Federal Advisory Com-
12 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Task
13 Force.

14 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
15 later of—

16 (1) the date on which the Task Force submits
17 the report required under subsection (d); or

18 (2) the date that is 18 months after the date
19 on which the Task Force is established under sub-
20 section (a).

21 (g) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall have the
22 authority to carry out the recommendations of the Task
23 Force detailed in the report required under subsection (d).

24 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
2 eral Aviation Administration.

3 (2) NOTAM.—The term “NOTAM” means no-
4 tices to airmen required by international or domestic
5 regulation or law, as described in the order issued by
6 the FAA on December 11, 2018, titled “Notices to
7 Airmen (NOTAM)”.

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