

HR 6493

Aviation Safety Enhancement Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: MN • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jul 15, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 23, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3440	Related bill	Aug 1, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Aviation Safety Enhancement Act of 2008 - Establishes in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) an Aviation Safety Whistleblower Investigation Office, with a Director appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, which shall receive and assess complaints and information relating to possible violations of aviation safety laws and regulations.

Directs the FAA Administrator to modify the FAA customer service initiative, mission and vision, and other policy statements to: (1) remove any reference to air carriers or other entities regulated by the FAA as "customers"; (2) state that in regulating safety the only FAA customers are individuals traveling on aircraft; and (3) state that air carriers and other entities regulated by the FAA do not have the right to select the FAA employees who will inspect their operations.

Prohibits any person holding an air carrier operating certificate from knowingly employing, or contracting with, an individual to act as an agent or representative of the certificate holder in any matter before the FAA if, in the preceding two-year period, the individual: (1) served as, or was responsible for oversight of, an FAA flight standards inspector; and (2) had responsibility to inspect, or oversee inspection of, the operations of the certificate holder.

Prohibits any individual serving as a principal supervisory inspector of the FAA from being responsible for overseeing the operations of a single air carrier for a continuous period of more than five years. Authorizes appropriations.

Directs the FAA Administrator to establish a process by which the FAA air transportation oversight system database is reviewed by a team of FAA employees on a monthly basis to ensure that: (1) any trends in regulatory compliance are identified; and (2) appropriate corrective actions are taken.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 23, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6493.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6744-6749)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Mr. Oberstar moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6793)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 392 - 0 (Roll no. 512).(text: CR H6744-6745)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 392 - 0 (Roll no. 512). (text: CR H6744-6745)
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (E1460-1461)
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.