

## S 1335

Pilot's Bill of Rights

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Coats, Daniel [R-IN]	R · IN		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 6, 2011
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 14, 2011
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 14, 2011
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jul 27, 2011
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2011
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Sep 8, 2011
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 8, 2011
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Sep 8, 2011
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Sep 15, 2011
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 6, 2011
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		Oct 17, 2011
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Oct 31, 2011

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Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Oct 31, 2011
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 2, 2011
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Nov 9, 2011
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Nov 9, 2011
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Nov 9, 2011
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 14, 2011
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2011
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Nov 14, 2011
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Nov 14, 2011
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Nov 16, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 6, 2012
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 9, 2012
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 13, 2012
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		May 16, 2012
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 17, 2012
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 5, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 29, 2012
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 29, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3268	Identical bill	<b>Jun 7, 2012:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 422.
112 HR 3816	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on June 29, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Pilot's Bill of Rights - Requires National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) proceedings for the review of decisions of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to deny, amend, modify, suspend, or revoke an airman's certificate to be conducted, to the extent practicable, in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Evidence.

Requires the Administrator to: (1) provide timely, written notification to the subject of an investigation involving the approval, denial, suspension, modification, or revocation of an airman certificate of specified information pertinent to the investigation; and (2) provide him or her with access to relevant air traffic data. Authorizes the Administrator to delay such notification if it threatens the integrity of the investigation.

Allows a substantially affected individual to elect to file an appeal of a certificate denial, a punitive civil action, or an emergency order of revocation in the U.S. district court in which individual resides, in which the action in question occurred, or the district court for the District of Columbia. Allows a substantially affected individual who elects not to file an appeal in a U.S. district court to file such appeal in the appropriate U.S. court of appeals.

Directs the Administrator to begin a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) Improvement Program to improve the system of providing airmen with pertinent and timely information before a flight in the national airspace system. Requires the Administrator to establish a NOTAM Improvement Panel composed of representatives of relevant nonprofit and not-for-profit general aviation pilot groups to advise the Administrator in carrying out program goals.

Requires the Comptroller General to: (1) assess the FAA process for the medical certification of airmen; and (2) report to Congress on revisions to the medical application form, the alignment of medical qualification policies with present-day qualified medical judgment and practices, and steps that could be taken to promote the public's understanding of the medical requirements determining an airman's medical certificate eligibility.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 3, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 3, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-153.
- **Jul 26, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 23, 2012:** Mr. Bucshon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 23, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5100-5102)
- **Jul 23, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1335.
- **Jul 23, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5100-5101)
- **Jul 23, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5100-5101)
- **Jul 23, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4733-4735)
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 29, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- **Jul 6, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 6, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4400-4401)
- **Jul 6, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.