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General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Feb 25, 2015
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Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 25, 2015

Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2943	Related bill	Dec 23, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-328.
114 S 2658	Related bill	Dec 20, 2016: By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 12/10/2016. Report No. 114-428. Additional views filed.
114 S 571	Related bill	Dec 18, 2015: By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 114-198. Additional views filed.
114 HR 1062	Related bill	Mar 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HR 1086	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

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Directs the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to issue or revise FAA medical certification regulations to ensure that an individual may operate as a pilot of a covered aircraft without regard to any medical certification or proof of health requirement otherwise applicable under federal law if the flight meets certain criteria and the individual: (1) possesses a valid state driver's license, (2) complies with applicable medical requirements associated with that license, (3) is transporting five or fewer passengers, and (4) is operating under visual or instrument flight rules.

Defines "covered aircraft" as an aircraft that: (1) is not authorized under federal law to carry more than six occupants, and (2) has a maximum certificated takeoff weight of no more than 6,000 pounds.

Prohibits the Administrator from taking enforcement action against a pilot of a covered aircraft for not holding a valid third-class medical certificate if the pilot and the flight meets such requirements, unless the Administrator has published final regulations in the Federal Register.

Actions Timeline

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