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Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7274	Related bill	Jun 19, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
116 S 3974	Related bill	Jun 17, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 7182	Identical bill	Jun 12, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

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This bill directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to issue regulations to implement National Transportation Safety Board recommendations for crash-resistant systems with respect to existing and new U.S.-registered turbine-powered rotorcraft (e.g., a helicopter) certificated for six or more passenger seats.

Specifically, the FAA must require all U.S.-registered turbine-powered rotorcraft certificated for six or more passenger seats to be equipped with a flight data recorder, a cockpit voice recorder, and a terrain awareness and warning system.

The FAA may exempt any civilian helicopter from one or more of the equipment requirements.

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