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Ensuring Health Safety in the Skies Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 28, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 28, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3375	Related bill	Oct 18, 2022: By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 10/14/2022. Report No. 117-191.
117 HR 1463	Identical bill	Mar 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Health and Human Services to form a joint task force on air travel during and after the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

The task force must develop recommended requirements, plans, and guidelines to address the health, safety, security, and logistical issues relating to the continuation of air travel during the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as the resumption of full operations at airports and increased passenger air travel after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

DOT must establish a joint federal advisory committee to advise the task force to include developing and submitting policy recommendations to the task force regarding the recommended requirements, plans, and guidelines that the task force must develop.

Additionally, DOT must publish the policy recommendations on a publicly accessible website.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell without amendment. Without written report.
- **Dec 17, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 204.
- **May 12, 2021:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.