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H. R. 3896

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the use of dogs or other appropriate animals at major airports for the purpose of detecting plastic explosives and other devices which may be used in airport piracy and which cannot be detected by metal detectors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Aviation Security Im-
5 provement Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCREENING BY DOGS.**

2 Section 44903(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end of the following new para-
4 graph:

5 “(3) USE OF DOGS IN SCREENING.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The law enforcement
7 presence and capability required under para-
8 graph (1) shall include a requirement that the
9 operator of each major airport use dogs or
10 other appropriate animals in screening pas-
11 sengers and cargo for the purpose of detecting
12 plastic explosives and other devices or materials
13 which may be used in aircraft piracy and which
14 cannot be detected by metal detectors.

15 “(B) MAJOR AIRPORT DEFINED.—In this
16 paragraph, the term ‘major airport’ means an
17 airport that is one of the largest 50 airports in
18 the United States, as determined by the num-
19 ber of passenger enplanements in calendar year
20 1995.”.

21 **SEC. 3. EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9 TEAMS.**

22 Section 44913(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 “(b) EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9 TEAMS.—

25 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make
26 grants for expenses of training and evaluation of

1 dogs for the explosive detection K-9 team training
2 program for the purpose of detecting explosives at
3 airports and aboard aircraft. Not later than 180
4 days after the date of the enactment of the Aviation
5 Security Improvement Act of 1996, the Secretary
6 shall extend such program to the largest 50 airports
7 in the United States, as determined by the number
8 of passenger enplanements in calendar year 1995.

9 “(2) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be ap-
10 propriated from the Trust Fund for carrying out
11 paragraph (1) such sums as may be necessary for
12 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1996.
13 Such funds shall remain available until expended.”.

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