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To improve aviation security by requiring air carriers to install certain explosive detection equipment at airports and to use explosive resistant cargo containers on aircraft, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

- To improve aviation security by requiring air carriers to install certain explosive detection equipment at airports and to use explosive resistant cargo containers on aircraft, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION I. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Aviation Antiterrorism
- 5 Act of 1996".

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44913 of title 49, United4 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 "§44913. Explosive material detection and contain6 ment

7 "(a) INSTALLATION AND USE OF EXPLOSIVE DETEC8 TION EQUIPMENT.—

9 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days 10 after the date of the enactment of this section, the 11 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-12 tion shall—

"(A) set minimum standards for equipment that, alone or as part of an integrated
system, can detect under realistic air carrier operating conditions, the amounts, configurations,
and types of explosive material that would likely
be used to cause catastrophic damage to a commercial aircraft; and

"(B) require all air carriers and foreign air
carriers providing air transportation or intrastate air transportation to install and use, as
expeditiously as possible, such equipment to
screen all passenger baggage and all other
cargo for explosives at the airports (whether lo-

cated within or outside the United States) used
 by such carriers to provide such transportation.
 "(b) INSTALLATION OF EXPLOSIVE RESISTANT
 CARGO CONTAINERS.—Not later than 60 days after the
 date of the enactment of this section, the Administrator
 shall—

"(1) set minimum standards for cargo containers that can withstand explosions caused by the
types of explosive material that would likely be used
to cause catastrophic damage to commercial aircraft;
and

"(2) require all air carriers and foreign air carriers providing air transportation or intrastate air
transportation to install and use, as expeditiously as
possible, such equipment.

16 "(c) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Transportation may
17 provide grants to continue the Explosive Detection K-9
18 Team Training Program to detect explosives at airports
19 and on aircraft.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 449 of such title is amended by striking
the item relating to section 44913 and inserting the following:

"44913. Explosive material detection and containment.".

1 SEC. 4. AVIATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 471 of
3 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 "§ 47132. Aviation security assistance programs

6 "(a) AIR CARRIER SECURITY ASSISTANCE PRO-7 GRAM.—Subject to such terms and conditions as the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may 8 9 establish, the Administrator is authorized to make grants from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund established 10 under section 9502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 11 (26 U.S.C. 9502) to make grants to air carriers required 12 13 to install and use explosive detection equipment, explosive resistant cargo containers, or both under section 44913 14 of this title to pay up to 100 percent of the cost of acquir-15 ing such equipment and containers. 16

17 "(b) FUNDING.—

18 "(1) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Adminis19 trator is authorized to incur obligations to make
20 grants from funds made available under this section.

21 "(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION CEIL22 INGS.—Funds made available by this section shall
23 not be subject to any obligation ceiling.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec tions for such chapter is amended by inserting after the
 item relating to section 47131 the following:

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"47132. Aviation security assistance programs.".