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To clarify the regulation of Alaskan Guide Pilots conducting air flights in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1998

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska 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 “Alaska Air Guide Reg-
5 ulations Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Alaska covers 586,000 square miles, which
9 is $\frac{1}{5}$ of the area of the continental United States.

10 There are very few existing roads and the sheer size

1 of the State demands the use of airplanes to reach
2 most of the hunting and fishing sites.

3 (2) Since 1963, the Federal Aviation Adminis-
4 tration regulated Alaska guide pilots under the Fed-
5 eral Aviation Administration's General Operating
6 and Flight Rules.

7 (3) The Federal Aviation Administration has
8 attempted to unilaterally rescind the 34-year prac-
9 tice and policy concerning the regulation of Alaska
10 guide pilots under the General Operating and Flight
11 Rules. The Administration is seeking to impose dis-
12 tinct and significantly greater, and unnecessary, ob-
13 ligations and duties on Alaska guide pilots.

14 (4) The Federal Aviation Administration's sub-
15 stantial change in practice and policy imposes un-
16 necessary regulatory burdens on guide pilots and
17 does not improve safety. The new approach threat-
18 ens the livelihood of guide pilots and will diminish
19 the availability of fishing and hunting guide services
20 in Alaska.

21 (5) Alaska guide pilots have recognized that
22 some additional requirements will improve safety
23 and support imposition of additional reasonable re-
24 quirements related to pilot training, pilot experience,
25 and aircraft inspection.

1 **SEC. 3. ALASKA PILOT DEFINED.**

2 In this Act, the term “Alaska guide pilot” means a
3 pilot who—

4 (1) conducts aircraft operations over or within
5 the State of Alaska;

6 (2) operates single engine, fixed wing aircraft
7 on floats, wheels, or skis, providing commercial
8 hunting or fishing services and related accommoda-
9 tions, in the form of camps or lodges; and

10 (3) transports clients by such aircraft incidental
11 to the provision of hunting or fishing services.

12 **SEC. 4. ALASKA GUIDE PILOT REGULATIONS.**

13 (a) REGULATION UNDER GENERAL OPERATING AND
14 FLIGHT RULES.—Beginning on the date of the enactment
15 of this Act, Alaska guide pilots shall be regulated under
16 the Federal Aviation Administration’s General Operating
17 and Flight Rules.

18 (b) AUTHORITY OF FAA.—The Federal Aviation Ad-
19 ministration may amend the General Operating and Flight
20 Rules to require Alaska guide pilots—

21 (1) to be inspected no less often than after 125
22 hours of flight time;

23 (2) to participate in an annual flight review as
24 described in the Federal Aviation Administration’s
25 Certification: Pilots and Flight Instructors; Subpart
26 A—General; Flight Review;

1 (3) to have a total of at least 500 hours of
2 flight time as a pilot; and

3 (4) to have a commercial rating as described in
4 Federal Aviation Administration's Certification: Pi-
5 lots and Instructors; Subpart F—Commercial Pilots.

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