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To amend title 49, United States Code, relating to the installation of emergency locator transmitters on aircraft.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 1998

Mr. LIEBERMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Airplane Emergency
5 Locator Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) on December 24, 1996, a plane piloted by
9 Johan Schwartz and Patrick Hayes disappeared
10 near Lebanon, New Hampshire;

1 (2) an extensive search was conducted by the
2 States of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont,
3 New York, Maine, and Massachusetts, in coopera-
4 tion with the Federal Government, in an unsuccess-
5 ful effort to locate the plane and any survivors;

6 (3) the plane described in paragraph (1) was
7 not required under law to carry an emergency loca-
8 tor transmitter; and

9 (4) emergency locator transmitters have been
10 found to be very helpful in locating downed aircraft
11 and saving lives.

12 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENT.**

13 Section 44712(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 “(b) NONAPPLICATION.—Subsection (a) does not
16 apply to aircraft when used in—

17 “(1) flight operations related to the design and
18 testing, manufacture, preparation, and delivery of
19 aircraft; or

20 “(2) the aerial application of a substance for an
21 agricultural purpose.”.

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