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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue regulations to improve the tracking of aircraft in flight, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Safe Aviation and Flight Emergency Tracking Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. IMPROVED TRACKING OF AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall issue regulations to

ensure that a covered aircraft is equipped with technology that provides for—

(1) continuous tracking of information regarding the aircraft during flight, including information regarding the position, altitude, and speed of the aircraft; and

(2) the timely and cost effective recovery of the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder of the aircraft in the event of a crash or other serious incident.

(b) STUDY OF CERTAIN TECHNOLOGIES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Administrator shall investigate at least the following:

(1) Automatic dependent surveillance.

(2) Automatic deployable flight recorders.

(3) Emergency locator transmitters.

(4) Satellite navigation and communications.

(c) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report specifying technologies the Administrator is considering for inclusion in the regula-

tions required under subsection (a), including a description of costs and benefits associated with each of the technologies.

(d) COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall work collaboratively with the International Civil Aviation Organization and other relevant stakeholders to develop and implement international standards that improve the tracking of aircraft in flight.

(e) COVERED AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''covered aircraft'' means a passenger aircraft—

(1) able to carry at least 120 passengers;

(2) ordered on or after January 1, 2016; and

(3) providing scheduled passenger air transportation (as such term is defined in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code).

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