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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Mr. DESAULNIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Notice to Airmen Im-
5 provement Act of 2019”.
6 SEC. 2. FAA TASK FORCE ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT.
7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the
8 Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a special
9 task force to be known as the FAA Task Force on
NOTAM Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task Force”).

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of members appointed by the Administrator and shall include the following:

1. Air carrier representatives.
2. Labor union representatives.
4. Aviation safety experts with knowledge of international and domestic regulatory requirements for notices to airmen (in this section referred to as “NOTAMs”).
5. Human factors experts.

(c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall include—

1. reviewing existing methods for presenting NOTAMs and flight operations information to pilots;
2. reviewing regulations and policies relating to NOTAMs, including their content and presentation to pilots;
3. evaluating and determining best practices to organize, prioritize, and present flight operations information in a manner that optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant information; and
(4) providing recommendations in the following areas:

(A) Improving the presentation of NOTAM information in a manner that prioritizes or highlights the most important information, and optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant information.

(B) Ways to ensure that NOTAMs are complete, accurate, and contain the proper information.

(C) Any other best practices that the FAA should consider to improve the accuracy and understandability of NOTAMs and the display of flight operations information.

(D) Ways to work with air carriers, other airspace users, and aviation service providers to implement solutions that are aligned with the recommendations under this paragraph.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the establishment of the Task Force, the Task Force shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report detailing—
(1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of
the Task Force under subsection (c);

(2) the best practices identified and rec-
ommendations provided by the Task Force under
subsection (c);

(3) any recommendations of the Task Force for
additional regulatory or policy actions to improve the
presentation of NOTAMs; and

(4) the degree to which implementing the rec-
ommendations of the Task Force will address Na-
tional Transportation Safety Board Safety Rec-
ommendation A–18–024.

(e) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Federal Advisory Com-
mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Task
Force.

(f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
earlier of—

(1) the date on which the Task Force submits
the report required under subsection (d); or

(2) the date that is 18 months after the date
on which the Task Force is established under sub-
section (a).

(g) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall have the
authority to carry out the recommendations of the Task
Force outlined in the report required under subsection (d).