

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3935
OFFERED BY MR. BABIN OF TEXAS**

At the end of title VIII of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 834. NEXT GENERATION RADIO ALTIMETERS.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
3 date of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the
4 Federal Aviation Administration, in coordination with in-
5 dustry and other relevant government stakeholders, shall
6 carry out an accelerated program to assist with the devel-
7 opment, testing, and certification of the standards and
8 technology necessary to ensure industry and the FAA can
9 certify, produce and meet the installation requirements for
10 next generation radio altimeters across all necessary air-
11 craft by January 1, 2028.

12 (b) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Administrator may
13 award grants for the purposes of research and develop-
14 ment, testing, and other activities necessary to ensure that
15 next generation radio altimeter technology is developed,
16 tested, certified, and installed on necessary aircraft by
17 2028, including through public-private partnership grants
18 (which shall include protections for necessary intellectual
19 property with respect to any private sector entity testing,

1 certifying, or producing next generation radio altimeters
2 under the program carried out under this section) with
3 industry to ensure the accelerated production and installa-
4 tion by January 1, 2028.

5 (c) REVIEW AND REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the enactment of this section, the Administrator
7 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
8 a report on the steps the Administrator has taken as of
9 the date on which such report is submitted and any ac-
10 tions the Administrator plans to take, including as part
11 of the program carried out under this section, to ensure
12 that next generation radio altimeter technology is devel-
13 oped, tested, certified, and installed by 2028.

