

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DELIVERY OF CLEARANCE TO PILOTS VIA INTER-**  
2 **NET PROTOCOL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
5 Federal Aviation Administration shall conduct testing and  
6 an evaluation to determine the feasibility of the use, in  
7 air traffic control towers, technology for delivering clear-  
8 ances via internet protocol to enable mobile device access  
9 for general aviation and on-demand Part 135 air carriers  
10 at airports that do not have Towered Data Link Services.

11 (b) AIRPORT SELECTION.—The Administrator shall  
12 designate five airports for participation in the initial air-  
13 port pilot program after consultation with the exclusive  
14 representatives of air traffic controllers certified under  
15 section 7111 of title 5, United States Code, airport spon-  
16 sors, aircraft and avionics manufacturers, MITRE, and  
17 aircraft operators and the designation should include air-  
18 ports of different size and complexity.

1 (c) PROGRAM OBJECTIVE.—The program shall ad-  
2 dress and include safety, security, and operational require-  
3 ments for mobile clearance delivery at airports and heli-  
4 ports across the United States.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) MOBILE CLEARANCE DELIVERY.—The term  
7 “mobile clearance delivery” means providing access  
8 to departure clearance and clearance cancellation via  
9 Internet Protocol via applications to pilots while air-  
10 craft are on the ground where traditional data link  
11 installations are not feasible or possible.

12 (2) PART 135.—The term “Part 135” means  
13 part 135 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

14 (3) TOWER DATA LINK SERVICES.—The term  
15 “tower data link services” means communications  
16 between controllers and pilots using controller-pilot  
17 data link communications.

18 (4) SUITABLE AIRPORT.—The term “suitable  
19 airport” shall include towered airports, non-towered  
20 airports, and heliports.

21 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
22 on which the mobile clearance delivery program becoming  
23 operational, the Administrator shall submit to the Com-  
24 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
25 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,

- 1 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the
- 2 safety, security, and operational performance of the mobile
- 3 clearance services at airports pursuant to this section and
- 4 recommendations on how best to improve the program.

