

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-25**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA**

Page 386, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6\_\_.** **AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN FLIGHTS BY**  
2 **STAGE 2 AIRPLANES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 47534 of  
4 title 49, United States Code, not late than 180 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
6 of the Federal Aviation Administration shall initiative a  
7 pilot program to permit the operator of a Stage 2 airplane  
8 to operate that airplane in revenue and nonrevenue service  
9 into medium hub airports or nonhub airports if—

10 (1) the airport—

11 (A) is certified under part 139 of 14, Code  
12 of Federal Regulations;

13 (B) has a runway that—

14 (i) is longer than 8,000 feet and not  
15 less than 200 feet wide; and

16 (ii) is load bearing with a pavement  
17 classification number of not less than 38;

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1 (C) has a maintenance facility with a  
2 maintenance certificate issued under part 145  
3 of such title; and

4 (2) the operator of the Stage 2 airplane oper-  
5 ates not more than 10 flights per month using that  
6 airplane; and

7 (3) revenue flights will be limited to flights  
8 transporting specific and necessary equipment to  
9 maintain or improve the vital industry of small rural  
10 communities.

11 (b) TERMINATION.—The regulations required by sub-  
12 section (a) shall terminate on the earlier of—

13 (1) the date that is 10 years after the date of  
14 the enactment of the Act; or

15 (2) the date on which the Administrator deter-  
16 mines that no Stage 2 airplane remain in service.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) MEDIUM HUB AIRPORT; NONHUB AIRPORT.—  
19 The terms “medium hub airport” and “nonhub air-  
20 port” have the meanings given those terms in sec-  
21 tion 40102 of the title 49, United States Code.

22 (2) STAGE 2 AIRPLANE.—The term “Stage 2  
23 airplane” has the meaning given that term in section  
24 91.851 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (as

1 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment  
2 of this Act).

