

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Strike section 328 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . AVIATION MEDICAL INNOVATION AND MOD-**
2 **ERNIZATION WORKING GROUP.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 120 days after the
4 date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall
5 establish the Aviation Medical Innovation and Moderniza-
6 tion Working Group (in this section referred to as the
7 “Working Group”) and appoint members of the Working
8 Group in accordance with subsection (b).

9 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

10 (1) **NUMBER.**—The members of the Working
11 Group shall not exceed 20 individuals.

12 (2) **COMPOSITION.**—

13 (A) **FEDERAL AIR SURGEON.**—The Federal
14 Air Surgeon shall be a member of the Working
15 Group and shall be the Chair of the Working
16 Group.

17 (B) **SENIOR AVIATION MEDICAL EXAM-**
18 **INERS.**—In addition to the Federal Air Sur-
19 geon, at least 8 members of the Working Group

1 shall be individuals who are Senior Aviation
2 Medical Examiners.

3 (C) OTHER MEMBERS.—In addition to the
4 Federal Air Surgeon and the members ap-
5 pointed under subparagraph (B), the remaining
6 members shall be licensed medical physicians
7 with substantial expertise in—

8 (i) aerospace medicine;

9 (ii) psychological medicine;

10 (iii) neurological medicine;

11 (iv) cardiovascular medicine; or

12 (v) internal medicine.

13 (D) PREFERENCE IN APPOINTMENTS.—
14 The Administrator shall give preference to ap-
15 pointing members of the Working Group who
16 are Aviation Medical Examiners or licensed
17 medical physicians who have demonstrated re-
18 search and expertise in aviation medical issues.

19 (E) USE OF SUBGROUPS.—The Working
20 Group Administrator may use subgroups to de-
21 velop the recommendations under subsection
22 (e).

23 (e) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Working Group shall
24 develop a report that includes recommendations with re-
25 spect to the following areas:

1 (1) Evaluation of the conditions an Aviation
2 Medical Examiner can issue.

3 (2) Improvements and reforms to the Special
4 Issuance process, including whether, after initial
5 medical certification by the FAA, renewals can be
6 based on a medical evaluation and treatment plan by
7 a pilot's treating medical specialist with concurrence
8 from the pilot's Aviation Medical Examiner.

9 (3) Development of an online medical portal ad-
10 ministered by the FAA that—

11 (A) adheres to cybersecurity protections
12 and protocols;

13 (B) authorizes Aviation Medical Exam-
14 iners, pilots, or their designee, to securely share
15 medical records;

16 (C) provides timely updates for a pilot's
17 medical application and improves return to fly-
18 ing timelines;

19 (D) provides pilots with the ability to sub-
20 mit additional information requested from the
21 FAA;

22 (E) includes the method to contact the re-
23 viewing office; and

24 (F) such other requirements as the Work-
25 ing Group may recommend.

1 (4) The use of technologies to address forms of
2 red-green color blindness for pilots.

3 (5) Improvements to Attention-Deficit Hyper-
4 activity Disorder and Attention Deficit Disorder pro-
5 tocols.

6 (6) Improvements to neurology protocols, spe-
7 cifically, stroke, head injury, and known loss of con-
8 sciousness.

9 (7) Improvements to FAA mental health proto-
10 cols, including, but not limited to, mental health
11 conditions such as depression and anxiety, the use of
12 medications for treating mental health conditions,
13 and neurocognitive testing rules and applicability.

14 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
15 on which the Working Group is established—

16 (1) the Working Group shall submit the report
17 developed in accordance with subsection (c) to the
18 Administrator, along with recommendations for such
19 legislation and administrative action as the Working
20 Group determines appropriate; and

21 (2) the Administrator shall submit such report
22 and recommendations to the appropriate committees
23 of Congress.

24 (e) ACTIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.—The Admin-
25 istrator may take such action as the Administrator deter-

1 mines appropriate to implement the recommendations in
2 the report under submitted under subsection (d).

3 (f) EXEMPTION FROM THE FEDERAL ADVISORY
4 COMMITTEE ACT.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States
5 Code, shall not apply to the Working Group.

6 (g) SUNSET.—The Working Group shall terminate on
7 the date on which the Working Group submits the report
8 required by subsection (d).

9 (h) PILOT MENTAL HEALTH TASK GROUP.—

10 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days
11 after the working group pursuant to subsection (a)
12 is established, the co-chairs of such working groups
13 shall establish a pilot mental health task group (re-
14 ferred to in this subsection as the “task group”) to
15 develop and provide recommendations related to sup-
16 porting the mental health of aircraft pilots.

17 (2) COMPOSITION.—The co-chairs of such
18 working group shall appoint—

19 (A) a Chair of the task group; and

20 (B) members of the task group from
21 among the members of the working group ap-
22 pointed by the Administrator under subsection
23 (b)(1).

24 (3) DUTIES.—The duties of the task group
25 shall include—

1 (A) carrying out the activities described in
2 subsection (c)(11) and subsection (c)(12);

3 (B) reviewing and evaluating guidance
4 issued by the International Civil Aviation Orga-
5 nization on pilot mental health; and

6 (C) providing recommendations for—

7 (i) best practices for detecting, assess-
8 ing, and reporting mental health conditions
9 and treatment options as part of pilot
10 aeromedical assessments;

11 (ii) improving the training of aviation
12 medical examiners to identify mental
13 health conditions among pilots, including
14 guidance on referrals to a mental health
15 provider or other aeromedical resource;

16 (iii) expanding and improving mental
17 health outreach, education, and assistance
18 programs for pilots; and

19 (iv) reducing the stigma of assistance
20 for mental health in the aviation industry.

21 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
22 date of the establishment of the task group, the task
23 group shall submit to the Secretary, the Committee
24 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
25 of Representatives, and the Committee on Com-

1 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
2 report detailing—

3 (A) the results of the review and evalua-
4 tion under paragraph (3)(A); and

5 (B) recommendations developed pursuant
6 to paragraph (3)(C).

