

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title IV, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA NOISE.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Transportation
3 shall—

4 (1) evaluate and adjust helicopter route as of
5 the date of enactment of this Act above the New
6 York Metropolitan Area, and make adjustments to
7 such routes if the adjustments would lessen heli-
8 copter noise and safety risks on residential areas
9 and noise-sensitive landmarks;

10 (2) analyze whether helicopters could safely fly
11 at higher altitudes in certain areas above the New
12 York Metropolitan Area;

13 (3) develop and promote best practices for heli-
14 copter hovering and electronic news gathering;

15 (4) conduct outreach to helicopter pilots to in-
16 form such pilots of voluntary policies and to increase
17 awareness of noise sensitive areas and events;

1 (5) work with local stakeholders to develop a
2 more comprehensive noise complaint system; and

3 (6) continue to participate in collaborative en-
4 gagement between community representatives and
5 helicopter operators.

6 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall begin
8 the development of regulations related to the impact of
9 helicopter use on the quality of life and safety of the peo-
10 ple of the New York Metropolitan Area unless the Sec-
11 retary can demonstrate the effectiveness of actions taken
12 under subsection (a) to address helicopter noise and safe-
13 ty.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
16 Congress a report on subsections (a) and (b) to address
17 helicopter noise and safety.

