

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3823
OFFERED BY MR. PERLMUTTER OF COLORADO

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . HELICOPTER FUEL SYSTEM SAFETY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 44736. Helicopter fuel system safety**

6 “(a) PROHIBITION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person may not operate
8 a covered rotorcraft in United States airspace unless
9 the design of the rotorcraft is certified by the Ad-
10 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration
11 to—

12 “(A) comply with the requirements applica-
13 ble to the category of the rotorcraft under para-
14 graphs (1), (2), (3), (5), and (6) of section
15 27.952(a), section 27.952(c), section 27.952(f),
16 section 27.963(g), and section 27.975(b) or
17 paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (5), and (6) of section
18 29.952(a), section 29.952(c), section 29.952(f),
19 section 29.963(b), and 29.975(a)(7) of title 14,

1 Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the
2 date of enactment; or

3 “(B) employ other means acceptable to the
4 Administrator to provide an equivalent level of
5 fuel system crash resistance.

6 “(2) COVERED ROTORCRAFT DEFINED.—In this
7 subsection, the term ‘covered rotorcraft’ means a
8 rotorcraft not otherwise required to comply with sec-
9 tion 27.952, section 27.963, and section 27.975, or
10 section 29.952, section 29.963, and section 29.975
11 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations as in effect
12 on the date of enactment for which manufacture was
13 completed, as determined by the Administrator, on
14 or after the date that is 18 months after the date
15 of enactment of this section.

16 “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The Adminis-
17 trator shall—

18 “(1) expedite the certification and validation of
19 United States and foreign type designs and retrofit
20 kits that improve fuel system crashworthiness; and

21 “(2) not later than 180 days after the date of
22 enactment of this section, and periodically there-
23 after, issue a bulletin to—

1 “(A) inform rotorcraft owners and opera-
2 tors of available modifications to improve fuel
3 system crashworthiness; and

4 “(B) urge that such modifications be in-
5 stalled as soon as practicable.

6 “(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-
7 tion may be construed to affect the operation of a rotor-
8 craft by the Department of Defense.”.

9 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The analysis for chap-
10 ter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
11 adding at the end the following:

“44736. Helicopter fuel system safety.”.

