

AMENDMENT
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Page 499, after line 22, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1632. AVIATION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE FOR CLEANER**
2 **AND QUIETER SKIES VOUCHER PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
4 and carry out a program, to be known as the “Aviation
5 Industry Assistance for Cleaner and Quieter Skies Vouch-
6 er Program”, under which the Secretary shall issue elec-
7 tronic vouchers to air carriers, subject to the specifications
8 set forth in subsection (d), to offset the purchase or cost
9 of a lease of eligible new aircraft in exchange for commit-
10 ments from such air carriers to decommission certain cur-
11 rently used aircraft and sell such aircraft for recycling of
12 parts or disposal.

13 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for the program es-
14 tablished under subsection (a), an air carrier shall submit
15 to the Secretary an application at such time, in such man-
16 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
17 require, including a description of a currently used aircraft
18 of the air carrier.

19 (c) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) LIST OF ELIGIBLE AIRCRAFT.—In carrying
2 out the program established under subsection (a),
3 the Secretary, in consultation with the Adminis-
4 trator, shall prepare, maintain, publicize, and make
5 available through a publicly available website, lists
6 of—

7 (A) applicable currently used aircraft;
8 (B) eligible aircraft for purchase or lease;
9 and
10 (C) registered aircraft recycling firms eligi-
11 ble to purchase currently used aircraft under
12 this section.

13 (2) COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT.—In carrying
14 out the program established under subsection (a),
15 the Secretary shall issue such regulations as are nec-
16 essary to establish requirements for an air carrier to
17 purchase or lease an eligible aircraft described in
18 subsection (a), including a timing requirement for
19 the purchase of such, and decommissioning and sell-
20 ing of applicable currently used aircraft of the air
21 carrier for recycling of parts or disposal, except as
22 provided in subsection (f)(2).

23 (d) VALUE OF VOUCHERS.—The Secretary may de-
24 termine the value of each voucher, not to exceed
25 \$10,000,000, based on the difference in emissions between

1 the currently used aircraft being decommissioned and sold
2 and the eligible aircraft being purchased or leased. In de-
3 termining the value of each voucher, the Secretary shall
4 also consider if such eligible aircraft also include noise re-
5 duction, including whether such aircraft meet Stage 5
6 standards. In addition, the Secretary shall consider seat
7 capacity and typical stage length of both the currently
8 used aircraft being decommissioned and sold and the eligi-
9 ble aircraft being purchased or leased in determining the
10 value of the voucher.

11 (e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
13 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section,
14 including a requirement that a voucher may be used only
15 to pay a new aircraft order, not an order placed (even if
16 not not filled) before the date of enactment of this Act.

17 (f) REGISTRATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall register
19 aircraft recycling firms eligible to purchase currently
20 used aircraft under this section and establish re-
21 quirements and procedures for the recycling of parts
22 or disposal of such aircraft to ensure that such air-
23 craft are taken out of service and not used to de-
24 velop other aircraft with higher greenhouse gas
25 emissions.

1 (2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph
2 (1), in the case of an emergency declared by the Sec-
3 retary or a national emergency declared by the
4 President, the Secretary may temporarily waive the
5 provisions of such paragraph that prevent the use of
6 aircraft taken out of service pursuant to this section
7 for the purposes of responding to such emergency or
8 national emergency.

9 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to carry out the program established under this
11 section \$1,000,000,000 and such sums shall remain avail-
12 able until expended.

13 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the following defi-
14 nitions apply:

15 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
16 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
17 mental Protection Agency.

18 (2) AIR CARRIER.—The term “air carrier” has
19 the meaning given such term in section 40102 of
20 title 49, United States Code.

21 (3) CURRENTLY USED AIRCRAFT.—The term
22 “currently used aircraft” means—

23 (A) aircraft in the bottom 25 percent of
24 the air carrier’s aircraft fleet in terms of fuel
25 efficiency per seat; and

1 (B) aircraft that have been in service for
2 at least 1,500 hours in the previous calendar
3 year.

4 (4) ELIGIBLE AIRCRAFT.—The term “eligible
5 aircraft” means aircraft that must be new and con-
6 sidered by the Secretary highly fuel-efficient with
7 some consideration given to their noise impact.

8 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Transportation.

