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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require a plan relating to and briefing on the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area Special Flight Rules Area.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

**S. 1939**

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BUDD

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the fol-  
2 lowing:  
3 SEC. \_\_\_\_ WASHINGTON D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA SPE-  
4 CIAL FLIGHT RULES AREA.

5 (a) SUBMISSION OF PLAN TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
6 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
7 Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of  
8 Homeland Security and the Secretary of Defense, shall  
9 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
10 Transportation and the Committee on Homeland Security  
11 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Com-

1 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the  
2 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-  
3 resentatives a plan for the Special Flight Rules Area and  
4 the Flight Restricted Zone.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—The plan described in sub-  
6 section (a) shall outline specific proposed changes to the  
7 Special Flight Rules Area and the Flight Restricted Zone  
8 that will decrease operational impacts and improve general  
9 aviation access to airports in the National Capital Region  
10 that are currently impacted by the Special Flight Rules  
11 Area and the Flight Restricted Zone.

12 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall pro-  
14 vide to the committees of Congress described in subsection  
15 (a) a briefing on the feasibility (including any associated  
16 costs) of—

17 (1) installing equipment that allows a pilot to  
18 communicate with air traffic control using a VHF  
19 radio for the purposes of receiving an instrument  
20 flight rules (“IFR”) clearance, activating a DC FRZ  
21 flight plan, or activating a DC SFRA flight plan (as  
22 applicable) at—

23 (A) non-towered airports in the Flight Re-  
24 stricted Zone; and

1 (B) airports in the Special Flight Rules  
2 Area that do not have the communications  
3 equipment described in this paragraph;

4 (2) allowing a pilot approved by the Transpor-  
5 tation Security Administration in accordance with  
6 section 1562.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
7 tions, to electronically file a DC FRZ flight plan or  
8 IFR flight plan that departs from, or arrives at, an  
9 airport in the Flight Restricted Zone; and

10 (3) allowing a pilot to electronically file a stand-  
11 ard VFR flight plan that departs from, or arrives at,  
12 an airport in the Special Flight Rules Area or Flight  
13 Restricted Zone.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) DC FRZ FLIGHT PLAN; DC SFRA FLIGHT  
16 PLAN.—The terms “DC FRZ flight plan” and “DC  
17 SFRA flight plan” have the meanings given those  
18 terms in section 93.335 of title 14, Code of Federal  
19 Regulations.

20 (2) STANDARD VFR FLIGHT PLAN.—The term  
21 “standard VFR flight plan” means a VFR flight  
22 plan (as such term is described in section 91.153 of  
23 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations) that includes  
24 search and rescue services.