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H. R. 3267

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. WELLER, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. PAXON, and Mr. MARTINI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Child Pilot Safety
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANIPULATION OF FLIGHT CONTROLS.**

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

5 **“§ 44724. Manipulation of flight controls**

6 “(a) PROHIBITION.—No pilot in command of an air-
7 craft may allow an individual who does not hold—

8 “(1) a valid private pilots certificate issued by
9 the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Adminis-
10 tration under part 61 of title 14, Code of Federal
11 Regulations; and

12 “(2) the appropriate medical certificate issued
13 by the Administrator under part 67 of such title,
14 to manipulate the controls of an aircraft if the pilot knows
15 or should have known that the individual is attempting
16 to set a record or engage in an aeronautical competition
17 or aeronautical feat, as defined by the Administrator.

18 “(b) REVOCATION OF AIRMEN CERTIFICATES.—The
19 Administrator shall issue an order revoking a certificate
20 issued to an airman under section 44703 of this title if
21 the Administrator finds that while acting as a pilot in
22 command of an aircraft, the airman has permitted another
23 individual to manipulate the controls of the aircraft in vio-
24 lation of subsection (a).

25 “(c) PILOT IN COMMAND DEFINED.—In this section,
26 the term ‘pilot in command’ has the meaning given such

1 term by section 1.1 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-
2 tions.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
4 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

“44724. Manipulation of flight controls.”.

6 **SEC. 3. CHILDREN FLYING AIRCRAFT.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Federal Avia-
8 tion Administration shall conduct a study of the impacts
9 of children flying aircraft.

10 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the study, the
11 Administrator shall consider the effects of imposing any
12 restrictions on children flying aircraft on safety and on
13 the future of general aviation in the United States.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall issue
16 a report containing the results of the study, together with
17 recommendations on—

18 (1) whether the restrictions established by the
19 amendments made by section 2 should be modified
20 or repealed; and

21 (2) whether certain individuals or groups should
22 be exempt from any age, altitude, or other restric-
23 tions that the Administrator may impose by regula-
24 tion.

1 (d) REGULATIONS.—As a result of the findings of the
2 study, the Administrator may issue regulations imposing
3 age, altitude, or other restrictions on children flying air-
4 craft.

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