



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

Purpose: To require the Federal Aviation Administration to review aircraft evacuation procedures and issue regulations specifying required procedures for such evacuations.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2658**

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL *and Mr. Markey*

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:  
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3 **SEC. 2\_\_ . AIRCRAFT CABIN EVACUATION PROCEDURES.**

4 (a) REVIEW.—The Administrator of the Federal  
5 Aviation Administration shall review—

6 (1) evacuation certification of transport-cat-  
7 egory aircraft used in air transportation, with regard  
8 to—

9 (A) emergency conditions, including im-  
10 pacts into water;

1 (B) crew procedures used for evacuations  
2 under actual emergency conditions;

3 (C) any relevant changes to passenger de-  
4 mographics and legal requirements, including  
5 the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42  
6 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), that affect emergency  
7 evacuations; and

8 (D) any relevant changes to passenger  
9 seating configurations, including changes to  
10 seat width, padding, reclining, size, pitch, leg  
11 room, and aisle width; and

12 (2) recent accidents and incidents in which pas-  
13 sengers evacuated such aircraft.

14 (b) CONSULTATION; REVIEW OF DATA.—In con-  
15 ducting the review under subsection (a), the Administrator  
16 shall—

17 (1) consult with the National Transportation  
18 Safety Board, transport-category aircraft manufac-  
19 turers, air carriers, and other relevant experts and  
20 Federal agencies, including groups representing pas-  
21 sengers, airline crew members, maintenance employ-  
22 ees, and emergency responders; and

23 (2) review relevant data with respect to evacu-  
24 ation certification of transport-category aircraft.

1       (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-  
3 trator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-  
4 gress a report on the results of the review under sub-  
5 section (a) and related recommendations, if any, including  
6 recommendations for revisions to the assumptions and  
7 methods used for assessing evacuation certification of  
8 transport-category aircraft.

