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.

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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:

3 SEC. 2. AIRCRAFT CABIN EVACUATION PROCEDURES.

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

6 (1) evacuation certification of transport-category aircraft used in air transportation, with regard to—

9 (A) emergency conditions, including impacts into water;
(B) crew procedures used for evacuations under actual emergency conditions;
(C) any relevant changes to passenger demographics and legal requirements, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), that affect emergency evacuations; and
(D) any relevant changes to passenger seating configurations, including changes to seat width, padding, reclining, size, pitch, leg room, and aisle width; and
(2) recent accidents and incidents in which passengers evacuated such aircraft.

(b) Consultation; Review of Data.—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Administrator shall—

(1) consult with the National Transportation Safety Board, transport-category aircraft manufacturers, air carriers, and other relevant experts and Federal agencies, including groups representing passengers, airline crew members, maintenance employees, and emergency responders; and

(2) review relevant data with respect to evacuation certification of transport-category aircraft.
(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of the review under subsection (a) and related recommendations, if any, including recommendations for revisions to the assumptions and methods used for assessing evacuation certification of transport-category aircraft.