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Reported by Mr. MCCAIN, with amendments

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AN ACT

Amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft.

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. AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 15 of the Fastener Quality Act (15 U.S.C.
5 5414) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(a) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—”
2 before “The requirements of this Act”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(b) AIRCRAFT EXEMPTION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this
7 Act shall not apply to fasteners specifically manufac-
8 tured or altered for use on an aircraft if the quality
9 and suitability of those fasteners for that use has
10 been approved by the Federal Aviation Administra-
11 tion, except as provided in paragraph (2).

12 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
13 apply to fasteners represented by the fastener manu-
14 facturer as having been manufactured in conform-
15 ance with standards or specifications established by
16 a consensus standards organization or a Federal
17 agency other than the Federal Aviation Administra-
18 tion.”.

19 **SEC. 2. DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS.**

20 The regulations issued under the Fastener Quality
21 Act by the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
22 nology on April 14, 1998, and any other regulations issued
23 by the National Institute of Standards and Technology
24 pursuant to the Fastener Quality Act, shall not take effect
25 until after the later of June 1, 1999, or the expiration

1 of 120 days after the Secretary of Commerce transmits
2 to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Com-
3 merce of the House of Representatives, and to the Com-
4 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
5 Senate, a report on—

6 (1) changes in fastener manufacturing proc-
7 esses that have occurred since the enactment of the
8 Fastener Quality Act; and

9 (2) *a comparison of the Fastener Quality Act to*
10 *other regulatory programs that regulate the various*
11 *categories of fasteners, and an analysis of any dupli-*
12 *cation that exists among programs; and*

13 ~~(2)~~ (3) any changes in that Act that may be
14 warranted because of the changes reported under
15 ~~paragraph (1).~~ *paragraphs (1) and (2).*

16 The report required by this section shall be transmitted
17 to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Com-
18 merce of the House of Representatives, and to the Com-
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
20 Senate, by February 1, 1999.

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