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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for the construction of certain air traffic control towers.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WICKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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. CONSTRUCTION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL**

4                                **TOWERS.**

5                (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 47124(b)(4) of title 49,  
6        United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7                                “(4) CONSTRUCTION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL  
8        TOWERS.—

9                                “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
10                                other provision of this subchapter, the Sec-

1           retary may provide grants under this sub-  
2           chapter to an airport sponsor for—

3                   “(i) the construction or improvement  
4                   of a nonapproach control tower; and

5                   “(ii) the acquisition and installation of  
6                   air traffic control equipment to be used in  
7                   a nonapproach control tower that will as-  
8                   sist in sustaining or improving the safe  
9                   and efficient movement of air traffic.

10           “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—A sponsor shall be eli-  
11           gible for a grant under this paragraph if—

12                   “(i)(I) the sponsor is a participant in  
13                   the Federal Aviation Administration Con-  
14                   tract Tower Program (as described in  
15                   paragraph (3)(A)) or the pilot program es-  
16                   tablished under paragraph (3); or

17                   “(II) construction of a nonapproach  
18                   control tower would qualify the sponsor to  
19                   be eligible to participate in the Contract  
20                   Tower Program or pilot program; and

21                   “(ii) the sponsor agrees to fund not  
22                   less than 10 percent of the cost of the ac-  
23                   tivities receiving assistance under this  
24                   paragraph.

1           “(C) PROJECT COSTS.—Grants under this  
2 paragraph shall be paid only from amounts  
3 made available to the sponsor under sections  
4 47114(c)(1), 47114(d), 47115, and 47116.

5           “(D) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal  
6 share of the cost of construction of a non-  
7 approach control tower under this paragraph  
8 may not exceed \$1,100,000.”.

9           (b) NONAPPROACH CONTROL TOWER.—Section  
10 47124(b) of such title is amended by adding at the end  
11 the following:

12           “(5) NONAPPROACH CONTROL TOWER DE-  
13 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘nonapproach  
14 control tower’ has the meaning given such term in  
15 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7110.65 (as  
16 in effect on the date of enactment of this paragraph)  
17 and the Aeronautical Information Manual (as in ef-  
18 fect on such date of enactment).”.

19           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
20 47124(b)(3) is amended by striking “Level I air traffic  
21 control towers, as defined by the Secretary,” and inserting  
22 “nonapproach control towers”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by this Act shall take effect

3 as of October 1, 1996.

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