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H. R. 3190

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a program to permit Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers to be trained to participate in the Federal air marshal program as volunteers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. HARMAN, and Mr. FARR of California) 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 “Sky Police Act of
5 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN**
2 **FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 449 of
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 **“§ 44917. Inclusion of law enforcement officers in**
7 **Federal air marshal program**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Fed-
9 eral Aviation Administration may establish a program to
10 permit Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers
11 to be trained to participate in the Federal air marshal pro-
12 gram of the Administration as volunteers.

13 “(b) TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.—Par-
14 ticipants in the program established under this section
15 shall be subject to the same training and background
16 checks as marshals in the Federal air marshal program.

17 “(c) IDENTIFICATION.—Each participant in the pro-
18 gram established under this section shall carry a card
19 issued by the Administrator identifying the participant as
20 a volunteer member of the Federal air marshal program.

21 “(d) AUTHORITY TO CARRY WEAPONS.—The Admin-
22 istrator may permit a participant in the Federal air mar-
23 shal program established under this section to carry, on
24 an aircraft in which the participant is otherwise traveling,
25 a weapon of a type that the Administrator determines, by
26 regulation, is appropriate.

1 “(e) FREE FLIGHTS.—The Administrator shall re-
2 quire an air carrier to provide seating for a law enforce-
3 ment officer participating in the Federal air marshal pro-
4 gram on any flight of the air carrier when such officer
5 is serving as a volunteer air marshal in the program. The
6 air carrier shall provide such seating without regard to
7 the availability of seats and at no cost to the United States
8 Government or the officer.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
10 such chapter is amended by adding after the item relating
11 to section 44916 the following:

“44917. Inclusion of law enforcement officers in Federal air marshal program.”.

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