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H. R. 3196

To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit helicopter flights near Statue of Liberty National Monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2025

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. MENG, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. MCIVER) 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 “Improving Helicopter
5 Safety Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON HELICOPTER FLIGHTS NEAR**
2 **STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 44749. Prohibition on helicopter flights near Stat-**
7 **ue of Liberty National Monument**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
9 date of enactment of this section, no person may operate
10 a civil helicopter in covered airspace except as provided
11 for under subsection (b).

12 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

13 “(1) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.—The pro-
14 hibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to a flight
15 carried out for purposes of public health and safety,
16 including—

17 “(A) law enforcement;

18 “(B) emergency response;

19 “(C) disaster response;

20 “(D) the provision of medical services; and

21 “(E) providing other services for the ben-
22 efit of the general public, including flights car-
23 ried out for research or for official purposes by
24 a news organization.

25 “(2) INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE.—The
26 prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to a

1 flight carried out for purposes heavy-lift operations
2 in support of construction and infrastructure main-
3 tenance.

4 “(c) COVERED AIRSPACE DEFINED.—In this section,
5 the term ‘covered airspace’ means the airspace within a
6 20-mile radius of the Statue of Liberty National Monu-
7 ment.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
9 tions for chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

“44749. Prohibition on helicopter flights near Statue of Liberty National Monu-
ment.”.

11 **SEC. 3. HELICOPTER FLIGHT ROUTES NEAR STATUE OF**
12 **LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

13 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-
15 ministration shall issue or update such regulations as are
16 necessary to carry out the requirements of section 2.

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