

Union Calendar No. 473

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3410

[Report No. 119-550]

To allow for the operation of civil supersonic flight in the national airspace system under certain conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2025

Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Mr. ROUZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MARCH 16, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. ONDER, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. HARRIGAN

MARCH 16, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 14, 2025]

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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 “Supersonic Aviation*
5 *Modernization Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING FOR THE OPERATION OF CIVIL SUPER-**
7 **SONIC FLIGHT.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date*
9 *of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the Fed-*
10 *eral Aviation Administration shall issue or revise such reg-*
11 *ulations, such as section 91.817 of part 14, Code of Federal*
12 *Regulations, as are necessary to allow for the operation of*
13 *civil aircraft (as defined in section 40102(16) of title 49,*
14 *United States Code) without special authorization within*
15 *the national airspace system at a Mach number greater*
16 *than 1 so long as the aircraft is operated in such a manner*
17 *that no sonic boom reaches the ground in the United States.*

18 *(b) COMPLIANCE WITH NOISE STANDARDS.—Not later*
19 *than April 1, 2027, the Administrator shall issue a final*
20 *rule establishing noise standards under part 36 of title 14,*
21 *Code of Federal Regulations, requiring civil aircraft grant-*
22 *ed authority to operate pursuant to subsection (a) not to*
23 *exceed the most recent takeoff and landing noise levels re-*
24 *quired for subsonic aircraft currently in operation on the*
25 *date of enactment.*

1 (c) *PERIODIC REVIEW.*—*In issuing the final rule*
2 *issued under subsection (b), the Administrator shall further*
3 *specify a process for periodic review and update of the rule*
4 *to reflect future advances in aircraft noise reduction tech-*
5 *nology and relevant regulatory changes, as determined by*
6 *the Administrator.*

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