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H. R. 5974

To amend title 49, United States Code, to make it unlawful for any air carrier to operate certain helicopters without a flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Helicopter Data and
5 Voice Recorder Requirement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HELICOPTER RECORDERS.**

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

5 **“§ 44741. Helicopter recorders**

6 “It shall be unlawful for any air carrier to operate
7 a single or multiengine, turbine-powered helicopter with
8 1 or more passenger seats and 1 or more pilots without
9 a flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder that meet
10 the requirements of section 91.609 of title 14, Code of
11 Federal Regulations.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
13 ter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
14 adding at the end the following:

“44741. Helicopter recorders.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect on the date that is 1 year
17 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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