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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. WELLER, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. PAXON, and Mr. MARTINI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Additional sponsors: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. HAMILTON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. DANNER, Mr. PETRI, Mr. RAHALL, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. EHLERS, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, and Mr. MILLER of California

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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 “Child Pilot Safety  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MANIPULATION OF FLIGHT CONTROLS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United  
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
9 ing:

10 **“§ 44724. Manipulation of flight controls**

11       “(a) PROHIBITION.—No pilot in command of an air-  
12 craft may allow an individual who does not hold—

13               “(1) a valid private pilots certificate issued by  
14 the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Adminis-  
15 tration under part 61 of title 14, Code of Federal  
16 Regulations; and

17               “(2) the appropriate medical certificate issued  
18 by the Administrator under part 67 of such title,  
19 to manipulate the controls of an aircraft if the pilot knows  
20 or should have known that the individual is attempting  
21 to set a record or engage in an aeronautical competition  
22 or aeronautical feat, as defined by the Administrator.

1       “(b) REVOCATION OF AIRMEN CERTIFICATES.—The  
2 Administrator shall issue an order revoking a certificate  
3 issued to an airman under section 44703 of this title if  
4 the Administrator finds that while acting as a pilot in  
5 command of an aircraft, the airman has permitted another  
6 individual to manipulate the controls of the aircraft in vio-  
7 lation of subsection (a).

8       “(c) PILOT IN COMMAND DEFINED.—In this section,  
9 the term ‘pilot in command’ has the meaning given such  
10 term by section 1.1 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-  
11 tions.”.

12       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
13 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended by add-  
14 ing at the end the following:

“44724. Manipulation of flight controls.”.

15 **SEC. 3. CHILDREN FLYING AIRCRAFT.**

16       (a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Federal Avia-  
17 tion Administration shall conduct a study of the impacts  
18 of children flying aircraft.

19       (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the study, the  
20 Administrator shall consider the effects of imposing any  
21 restrictions on children flying aircraft on safety and on  
22 the future of general aviation in the United States.

23       (c) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall issue

1 a report containing the results of the study, together with  
2 recommendations on—

3 (1) whether the restrictions established by the  
4 amendments made by section 2 should be modified  
5 or repealed; and

6 (2) whether certain individuals or groups should  
7 be exempt from any age, altitude, or other restric-  
8 tions that the Administrator may impose by regula-  
9 tion.

10 (d) REGULATIONS.—As a result of the findings of the  
11 study, the Administrator may issue regulations imposing  
12 age, altitude, or other restrictions on children flying  
13 aircraft.