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To amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the “Death on the High Seas Act” to aviation incidents.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 1997

Mr. McDADE (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KING, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MANTON, Ms. FURSE, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. FORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. McHALE, Mr. GOODLING, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. FORBES, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. HOYER) 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. DEATH ON THE HIGH SEAS ACT.**

4 Section 40120(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

1 “(c) ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this part or the
3 Act entitled ‘An Act relating to the maintenance of
4 actions for death on the high seas and other navi-
5 gable waters’ approved March 30, 1920 (46 U.S.C.
6 App. 761 et seq.), popularly known as the ‘Death on
7 the High Seas Act’, shall, with respect to any injury
8 or death arising out of any covered aviation incident,
9 affect any remedy—

10 “(A) under common law; or

11 “(B) under State law.

12 “(2) ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.—Any remedy
13 provided for under this part or the Act referred to
14 in paragraph (1) for an injury or death arising out
15 of any covered aviation incident shall be in addition
16 to any of the remedies described in subparagraphs
17 (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

18 “(3) COVERED AVIATION INCIDENT DEFINED.—

19 In this subsection, the term ‘covered aviation inci-
20 dent’ means an aviation disaster occurring on or
21 after January 1, 1995.”.

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