

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1285

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 1999

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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 “Law Enforcement Pub-  
5       lic Aviation Reform Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.**

7       The flush sentence following subparagraph (B)(ii) of  
8       section 40102(37) of title 49, United States Code, is

1 amended by striking “if the unit of government on whose  
2 behalf the operation is conducted certifies to the Adminis-  
3 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration that the op-  
4 eration was necessary to respond to a significant and im-  
5 minent threat to life or property (including natural re-  
6 sources) and that no service by a private operator was rea-  
7 sonably available to meet the threat” and inserting “if the  
8 operation is conducted for law enforcement, search and  
9 rescue, or responding to an imminent threat to life, prop-  
10 erty, or natural resources”.

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