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H. R. 4801

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order regarding secondary cockpit barriers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The safety and security of the civil air
6 transportation system is critical to the United States
7 security and its national defense.

8 (2) A safe and secure United States civil air
9 transportation system is essential to the basic free-

1 dom of Americans to move in intrastate, interstate,
2 and international transportation.

3 (3) Security and intelligence officials continue
4 to worry that a terrorist network is planning to use
5 planes as weapons and exploit suspected weakness in
6 United States aviation security.

7 (4) Reinforced cockpit doors that must be
8 opened for pilots to use the bathroom and receive
9 food and drink are a clear vulnerability, compro-
10 mising the security and safety of aircraft.

11 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED FLIGHT DECK INTEGRITY MEASURES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as possible after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal
14 Aviation Administration shall issue an order requiring the
15 installation of secondary barriers preventing access to the
16 flight deck of any commercial aircraft operating under
17 part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, and re-
18 quiring that such secondary barriers remain locked while
19 the aircraft is in flight and the cockpit door separating
20 the flight deck and the passenger area is open.

21 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In issuing an order under
22 this section, the Administrator shall take into account—

23 (1) the most promising of the available tech-
24 nologies relating to secondary barriers described in
25 subsection (a); and

- 1 (2) the cost and time schedule for deploying
- 2 such barriers.

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