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S. 3937

To require the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize the proposed rule relating to the reduction of fuel tank flammability exposure, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Flight 800 Improve-
5 ment Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF FAA RULE RELATING TO**
7 **FUEL TANK FLAMMABILITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, not later than January 1, 2007, the Federal

1 Aviation Administration shall finalize and implement, in
2 accordance with paragraph (2), the rule proposed by the
3 Federal Aviation Administration relating to the reduction
4 of fuel tank flammability in transport category airplanes
5 (70 Fed. Reg. 70922, dated November 23, 2005) and op-
6 erators and manufacturers of airplanes shall take appro-
7 priate action to comply with the rule.

8 (b) MATCHING FUNDS.—For each of the fiscal years
9 2007 through 2016, the Administrator of the Federal
10 Aviation Administration may provide financial assistance
11 to operators and manufacturers of airplanes in an amount
12 that does not exceed \$1 for every \$1 incurred by such op-
13 erators and manufacturers for complying with the rule de-
14 scribed in subsection (a).

15 (c) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
17 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall con-
18 duct a study and report to Congress regarding ways to
19 improve the safety and reduce the flammability of fuel
20 tanks that are located on the wings of airplanes.

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 are authorized to be appropriated \$40,000,000 for each
23 of the fiscal years 2007 through 2016, to carry out the
24 provisions of subsection (b).

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