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To provide for cockpit voice recorders and flight data recorders on non-combat aircraft of the Armed Forces.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HARKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. FLIGHT RECORDERS ON NON-COMBAT AIR-**
4 **CRAFT OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, aircraft of the
7 Armed Forces shall carry operating cockpit voice recorders
8 and flight data recorders if aircraft in the civilian sector
9 that are similar to such aircraft (or that carry out func-
10 tions similar to the functions carried out by such aircraft)

1 carry operating cockpit voice recorders and flight data re-
2 corders.

3 (b) REGULATIONS.—(1) Not later than 120 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense shall, in consultation with the Administrator
6 of the Federal Aviation Administration, prescribe regula-
7 tions setting forth the following:

8 (A) The aircraft of the Department of Defense
9 covered by the requirement in subsection (a).

10 (B) Specifications for the operations and main-
11 tenance of cockpit voice recorders and flight data re-
12 corders in such aircraft.

13 (2) The regulations under paragraph (1)(B) shall, to
14 the maximum extent practicable, be similar to regulations
15 relating to the specifications referred to in that paragraph
16 that are established by the Administrator for civilian air-
17 craft.

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