

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4  
OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title I, insert the following:

SEC. 111. REGULATIONS TO REDUCE HELICOPTER NOISE POLLUTION IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

(a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall issue regulations for helicopter operations in Los Angeles County, California, Hudson County, New Jersey, and Queens County, New York and Nassau County, New York that include requirements relating to the flight paths and altitudes associated with such operations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas, increase safety, and minimize scheduled commercial aircraft delays.

(b) EXEMPTIONS.

In issuing the regulations under subsection (a), the Administrator shall exempt helicopter operations related to emergency, law enforcement, or military activities from the requirements described in that subsection.

(c) CONSULTATIONS.

Before issuing regulations under subsection (a), the Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to consult with local communities and local helicopter operators in order to develop regulations that meet the needs of local communities, helicopter operators, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

(d) SPANISH LANGUAGE FOR AUTOMATED COMPLAINT SYSTEM.

Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Aviation Administration shall provide a Spanish language option for the Los Angeles and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Helicopter Noise Initiative's Automated Complaint System.