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# H. R. 3614

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2015”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

#### TITLE I—AIRPORT AND AIRWAY PROGRAMS

Sec. 101. Extension of airport improvement program.  
 Sec. 102. Extension of expiring authorities.  
 Sec. 103. Federal Aviation Administration operations.  
 Sec. 104. Air navigation facilities and equipment.  
 Sec. 105. Research, engineering, and development.  
 Sec. 106. Funding for aviation programs.  
 Sec. 107. Essential air service.

#### TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Expenditure authority from Airport and Airway Trust Fund.  
 Sec. 202. Extension of taxes funding Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

## 3 **TITLE I—AIRPORT AND AIRWAY** 4 **PROGRAMS**

### 5 **SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PRO-** 6 **GRAM.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 48103(a) of title 49,  
 9 United States Code, is amended by striking the pe-  
 10 riod at the end and inserting “and \$1,675,000,000  
 11 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and  
 12 ending on March 31, 2016.”.

13 (2) OBLIGATION OF AMOUNTS.—Subject to lim-  
 14 itations specified in advance in appropriation Acts,  
 15 sums made available pursuant to the amendment  
 16 made by paragraph (1) may be obligated at any time  
 17 through September 30, 2016, and shall remain avail-  
 18 able until expended.

1           (3) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.—For pur-  
2           poses of calculating funding apportionments and  
3           meeting other requirements under sections 47114,  
4           47115, 47116, and 47117 of title 49, United States  
5           Code, for the period beginning on October 1, 2015,  
6           and ending on March 31, 2016, the Administrator of  
7           the Federal Aviation Administration shall—

8                   (A) first calculate such funding apportion-  
9                   ments on an annualized basis as if the total  
10                  amount available under section 48103 of such  
11                  title for fiscal year 2016 were \$3,350,000,000;  
12                  and

13                  (B) then reduce by 50 percent—

14                          (i) all funding apportionments cal-  
15                          culated under subparagraph (A); and

16                          (ii) amounts available pursuant to sec-  
17                          tions 47117(b) and 47117(f)(2) of such  
18                          title.

19           (b) PROJECT GRANT AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c)  
20           of title 49, United States Code, is amended in the matter  
21           preceding paragraph (1) by striking “September 30,  
22           2015,” and inserting “March 31, 2016,”.

1 **SEC. 102. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.**

2 (a) Section 47107(r)(3) of title 49, United States  
3 Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 2015” and in-  
4 serting “April 1, 2016”.

5 (b) Section 47115(j) of title 49, United States Code,  
6 is amended by inserting “and for the period beginning on  
7 October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016” after  
8 “fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

9 (c) Section 47124(b)(3)(E) of title 49, United States  
10 Code, is amended by inserting “and not more than  
11 \$5,175,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015,  
12 and ending on March 31, 2016,” after “fiscal years 2012  
13 through 2015”.

14 (d) Section 47141(f) of title 49, United States Code,  
15 is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and insert-  
16 ing “March 31, 2016”.

17 (e) Section 50905(c)(3) of title 51, United States  
18 Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 2015,” and in-  
19 serting “April 1, 2016,”.

20 (f) Section 186(d) of the Vision 100—Century of  
21 Aviation Reauthorization Act (117 Stat. 2518) is amended  
22 by inserting “and for the period beginning on October 1,  
23 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016,” after “fiscal years  
24 2012 through 2015”.

25 (g) Section 409(d) of the Vision 100—Century of  
26 Aviation Reauthorization Act (49 U.S.C. 41731 note) is

1 amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting  
2 “March 31, 2016”.

3 (h) Section 140(e)(1) of the FAA Modernization and  
4 Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 47113 note) is amended  
5 by striking “fiscal years 2013 through 2015,” and insert-  
6 ing “fiscal years 2013 through 2016,”.

7 (i) Section 411(h) of the FAA Modernization and Re-  
8 form Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 42301 prec. note) is amend-  
9 ed by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting  
10 “March 31, 2016”.

11 (j) Section 822(k) of the FAA Modernization and Re-  
12 form Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 47141 note) is amended by  
13 striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31,  
14 2016”.

15 **SEC. 103. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OPER-**  
16 **ATIONS.**

17 Section 106(k) of title 49, United States Code, is  
18 amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (C) by striking “and”  
21 at the end;

22 (B) in subparagraph (D) by striking the  
23 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)  
25 the following:

1           “(E) \$4,870,350,000 for the period begin-  
2           ning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March  
3           31, 2016.”; and

4           (2) in paragraph (3) by inserting “and for the  
5           period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on  
6           March 31, 2016” after “fiscal years 2012 through  
7           2015”.

8   **SEC. 104. AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.**

9           Section 48101(a) of title 49, United States Code, is  
10          amended by adding at the end the following:

11           “(5) \$1,300,000,000 for the period beginning  
12          on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31,  
13          2016.”.

14   **SEC. 105. RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT.**

15          Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, is  
16          amended—

17           (1) in paragraph (7) by striking “and” at the  
18          end;

19           (2) in paragraph (8) by striking the period at  
20          the end and inserting “; and”; and

21           (3) by adding at the end the following:

22           “(9) \$78,375,000 for the period beginning on  
23          October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016.”.

1 **SEC. 106. FUNDING FOR AVIATION PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 48114 of title 49, United  
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(2) by striking “2015” and  
5 inserting “2016”; and

6 (2) in subsection (c)(2) by striking “2015” and  
7 inserting “2016”.

8 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.—

9 The budget authority authorized in this Act, including the  
10 amendments made by this Act, shall be deemed to satisfy  
11 the requirements of subsections (a)(1)(B) and (a)(2) of  
12 section 48114 of title 49, United States Code, for the pe-  
13 riod beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March  
14 31, 2016.

15 **SEC. 107. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE.**

16 Section 41742(a) of title 49, United States Code, is  
17 amended by striking “and \$93,000,000 for fiscal year  
18 2015” and inserting “\$93,000,000 for fiscal year 2015,  
19 and \$77,500,000 for the period beginning on October 1,  
20 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016.”.

21 **TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISIONS**

22 **SEC. 201. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FROM AIRPORT AND**  
23 **AIRWAY TRUST FUND.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9502(d)(1) of the Inter-  
25 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

1           (1) by striking “October 1, 2015” in the matter  
2 preceding subparagraph (A) and inserting “April 1,  
3 2016”, and

4           (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of sub-  
5 paragraph (A) and inserting “or the Airport and  
6 Airway Extension Act of 2015;”.

7           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9502(e)(2)  
8 of such Code is amended by striking “October 1, 2015”  
9 and inserting “April 1, 2016”.

10 **SEC. 202. EXTENSION OF TAXES FUNDING AIRPORT AND**  
11 **AIRWAY TRUST FUND.**

12           (a) FUEL TAXES.—Section 4081(d)(2)(B) of the In-  
13 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “Sep-  
14 tember 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

15           (b) TICKET TAXES.—

16           (1) PERSONS.—Section 4261(k)(1)(A)(ii) of  
17 such Code is amended by striking “September 30,  
18 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

19           (2) PROPERTY.—Section 4271(d)(1)(A)(ii) of  
20 such Code is amended by striking “September 30,  
21 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

22           (c) FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS.—

23           (1) TREATMENT AS NON-COMMERCIAL AVIA-  
24 TION.—Section 4083(b) of such Code is amended by



1 striking “October 1, 2015” and inserting “April 1,  
2 2016”.

3 (2) EXEMPTION FROM TICKET TAXES.—Section  
4 4261(j) of such Code is amended by striking “Sep-  
5 tember 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

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