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# H. R. 5974

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Helicopter Data and  
5 Voice Recorder Requirement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HELICOPTER RECORDERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United  
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 44741. Helicopter recorders**

6 “It shall be unlawful for any air carrier to operate  
7 a single or multiengine, turbine-powered helicopter with  
8 1 or more passenger seats and 1 or more pilots without  
9 a flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder that meet  
10 the requirements of section 91.609 of title 14, Code of  
11 Federal Regulations.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
13 ter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by  
14 adding at the end the following:

“44741. Helicopter recorders.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section shall take effect on the date that is 1 year  
17 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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