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# H. R. 5552

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. LIEU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To allow mandatory nighttime curfews at certain airports,  
and for other purposes.

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 “Valley-Wide Noise Re-  
5 lief Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY NIGHTTIME CURFEWS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
8 sion of law, including any written assurances under section  
9 47107 of title 49, United States Code, an airport sponsor  
10 may not be prohibited from, or interfered with, imple-

1 menting a total or partial mandatory nighttime curfew for  
2 an airport of the sponsor that is described in subsection  
3 (b).

4 (b) COVERED AIRPORTS.—An airport described in  
5 this section is an airport that—

6 (1) had a voluntary curfew in effect for certain  
7 aircraft on November 5, 1990; and

8 (2) was created by an intergovernmental agree-  
9 ment established pursuant to a State statute enacted  
10 before November 5, 1990, that, along with the stat-  
11 ute, imposes obligations with respect to noise mitiga-  
12 tion.

13 (c) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—At least 90 days before im-  
15 plementing a curfew under subsection (a), an airport  
16 sponsor shall provide to airport users and other in-  
17 terested parties reasonable notice of—

18 (A) the terms of the curfew; and

19 (B) the penalties for violating the curfew.

20 (2) REASONABLE NOTICE.—An airport sponsor  
21 shall be treated as satisfying the requirement of pro-  
22 viding reasonable notice under paragraph (1) if the  
23 sponsor—

24 (A) includes the terms of the curfew and  
25 penalties for violating the curfew on the inter-

1 net website of the sponsor for the applicable  
2 airport; and

3 (B) provides the terms of the curfew and  
4 penalties for violating the curfew to tenants of  
5 the sponsor who operate aircraft at the airport,  
6 either at their leasehold or the address provided  
7 to the airport sponsor for the receipt of notices  
8 under their lease.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-  
10 nitions apply:

11 (1) TOTAL MANDATORY NIGHTTIME CURFEW.—  
12 The term “total mandatory nighttime curfew”  
13 means a prohibition on all aircraft operations at an  
14 airport each night during the 9-hour period begin-  
15 ning at 10 p.m.

16 (2) PARTIAL MANDATORY NIGHTTIME CUR-  
17 FEW.—The term “partial mandatory nighttime cur-  
18 few” means a prohibition on certain aircraft oper-  
19 ations at an airport each night for not longer than  
20 the 9-hour period beginning at 10 p.m.

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