

## PILOT'S BILL OF RIGHTS?

The bill, numbered S. 1335, wasn't a sure thing, by any means. It languished in the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for some months until Inhofe

Public Law 112-153  
112th Congress

### An Act

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Pilot's Bill of Rights".

apparently leaned on his Senate colleagues. "If it hadn't been for Harry Reid, we wouldn't have been able to do it," Inhofe said during an interview during EAA AirVenture 2012, where the bill's Congressional approval debuted. "He said, 'Inhofe, you've always been fair with me.' And we have a great relationship." Sen. Reid agreed to move the bill to the Senate floor under expedited procedures, bypassing the Commerce committee, and it passed and was on the President's desk in time for the 2012 AirVenture event.

According to the FAA, "an individual who is the subject of an investigation relating to the approval, denial, suspension, modification or revocation of an airman certificate...is entitled to obtain government contractor air traffic data that would facilitate that individual's ability to productively participate in a proceeding relating to that investigation. This includes non-federal control towers and the Lockheed Martin-operated flight service stations.

Additional provisions in the PBOR include requiring the FAA must grant the pilot all relevant evidence 30 days prior to a decision to proceed with an enforcement action, clarifies the legal concept of statutory deference regarding NTSB reviews of FAA actions in the appeals process while introducing an federal district court review of appeals. The legislation also requires the U.S. Comptroller General to assess the FAA's medical certification process, associated standards and forms, and report to Congress on aligning and modernizing related policies.