

**End Gridlock at Our Nation's Critical Airports Act of 2001 (Introduced in the House)**

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**H. R. 2107**

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**June 7, 2001**

Mr. LIPINSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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**A BILL**

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*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 'End Gridlock at Our Nation's Critical Airports Act of 2001'.

**SEC. 2. PREEMPTION OF STATE LAWS REQUIRING APPROVAL OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL- Chapter 401 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**'Sec. 40129. Preemption of State laws requiring approval of airport development projects**

`(a) IN GENERAL- No State, political subdivision of a State, or political authority of at least 2 States may enact or enforce a law, regulation, or other provision having the force and effect of law that--

`(1) requires a certificate of approval or other form of approval prior to the construction or operation of an airport development project at a covered airport if the project meets the standards established by the Secretary of Transportation under section 47105(b)(3), whether or not the project is the subject of a grant approved under chapter 471; or

`(2) prohibits, conditions, or otherwise regulates the direct application for, or receipt or expenditure of, a grant or other funds by the sponsor of a covered airport under chapter 471 for an airport development project at a covered airport if the project meets the standards referred to in paragraph (1).

`(b) COVERED AIRPORT DEFINED- In this section, the term `covered airport' means an airport that each year has at least .25 percent of the total annual boardings in the United States.'.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT- The analysis for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

`40129. Preemption of State laws requiring approval of airport development projects.'.