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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for the construction of certain air traffic control towers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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. CONSTRUCTION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL**

4 **TOWERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 47124(b)(4) of title 49,
6 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(4) CONSTRUCTION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
8 TOWERS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of this subchapter, the Sec-

1 retary may provide grants under this sub-
2 chapter to an airport sponsor for—

3 “(i) the construction or improvement
4 of a nonapproach control tower; and

5 “(ii) the acquisition and installation of
6 air traffic control equipment to be used in
7 a nonapproach control tower that will as-
8 sist in sustaining or improving the safe
9 and efficient movement of air traffic.

10 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—A sponsor shall be eli-
11 gible for a grant under this paragraph if—

12 “(i)(I) the sponsor is a participant in
13 the Federal Aviation Administration Con-
14 tract Tower Program (as described in
15 paragraph (3)(A)) or the pilot program es-
16 tablished under paragraph (3); or

17 “(II) construction of a nonapproach
18 control tower would qualify the sponsor to
19 be eligible to participate in the Contract
20 Tower Program or pilot program; and

21 “(ii) the sponsor agrees to fund not
22 less than 10 percent of the cost of the ac-
23 tivities receiving assistance under this
24 paragraph.

1 “(C) PROJECT COSTS.—Grants under this
2 paragraph shall be paid only from amounts
3 made available to the sponsor under sections
4 47114(c)(1), 47114(d), 47115, and 47116.

5 “(D) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal
6 share of the cost of construction of a non-
7 approach control tower under this paragraph
8 may not exceed \$1,100,000.”.

9 (b) NONAPPROACH CONTROL TOWER.—Section
10 47124(b) of such title is amended by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 “(5) NONAPPROACH CONTROL TOWER DE-
13 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘nonapproach
14 control tower’ has the meaning given such term in
15 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7110.65 (as
16 in effect on the date of enactment of this paragraph)
17 and the Aeronautical Information Manual (as in ef-
18 fect on such date of enactment).”.

19 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
20 47124(b)(3) is amended by striking “Level I air traffic
21 control towers, as defined by the Secretary,” and inserting
22 “nonapproach control towers”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect

3 as of October 1, 1996.

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