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# S. 1934

To extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2007

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. CONTINUATION OF ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE AT**  
4 **CERTAIN LOCATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(d) of the Vision  
6 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (Public  
7 Law 108–176; 49 U.S.C. 41731 note) is amended by  
8 striking “September 30, 2007” and inserting “September  
9 30, 2012”.

1           (b) REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF ESSEN-  
2 TIAL AIR SERVICE BY CERTAIN AIR CARRIERS FOR 90  
3 DAYS AFTER TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.—Any air car-  
4 rier that provides essential air service to a place described  
5 in section 409(a) of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation  
6 Reauthorization Act (Public Law 108–176; 49 U.S.C.  
7 41731 note) and has a contract for the provision of such  
8 essential air service that expires on September 30, 2007,  
9 shall continue to provide such essential air service to such  
10 place until at least the earlier of—

11                   (1) January 1, 2008; or

12                   (2) the date on which the Secretary of Trans-  
13 portation identifies a new air carrier to provide such  
14 essential air service.

15           (c) AIR CARRIER DEFINED.—In this section, the  
16 term “air carrier” has the meaning provided such term  
17 in section 40102 of title 49, United States Code.

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