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# H. R. 6124

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Families Flying To-  
5 gether Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEATING FAMILIES TOGETHER ON FLIGHTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
9 tation shall issue regulations directing each air carrier  
10 to—

1           (1) establish a policy to ensure, to the extent  
2           practicable, that a family that purchases tickets for  
3           a flight with that air carrier is seated together dur-  
4           ing that flight; and

5           (2) make the policy described in paragraph (1)  
6           available to the public on an appropriate Internet  
7           Web site of the air carrier.

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

10           (1) AIR CARRIER.—The term “air carrier” has  
11           the meaning given that term in section 40102(a) of  
12           title 49, United States Code.

13           (2) FAMILY.—The term “family” means a  
14           grouping of individuals that includes, at a min-  
15           imum—

16                   (A) a child who is 12 years of age or  
17                   younger; and

18                   (B) an individual who is—

19                           (i) 18 years of age or older; and

20                           (ii) responsible for accompanying that  
21                   child, including a parent or legal guardian  
22                   of that child.

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