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S. 71

To require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in bathrooms on passenger rail cars.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Baby Changing on
5 Board Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSTALLATION OF BABY CHANGING TABLES ON AM-**
7 **TRAK TRAINS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 243 of title 49, United
9 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 24313
10 the following:

1 **“§ 24314. Baby changing tables**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) ADA-COMPLIANT RESTROOM.—The term
4 ‘ADA-compliant restroom’ means a restroom that
5 complies with the requirements set forth in section
6 242(a) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
7 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12162(a)).

8 “(2) BABY CHANGING TABLE.—The term ‘baby
9 changing table’ means an elevated, freestanding
10 structure generally designed to support and retain a
11 child with a body weight of up to 30 pounds in a
12 horizontal position for the purpose of allowing an in-
13 dividual to change the child’s diaper, including pull-
14 out or drop-down changing surfaces.

15 “(3) COVERED PASSENGER RAIL TRAIN.—The
16 term ‘covered passenger rail train’—

17 “(A) means a passenger rail train that—

18 “(i) is owned and operated by the Na-
19 tional Railroad Passenger Corporation
20 (commonly known as ‘Amtrak’); and

21 “(ii) was solicited for purchase after
22 the date of the enactment of the Baby
23 Changing on Board Act for use by Am-
24 trak; and

25 “(B) does not include any passenger rail
26 train that Amtrak operates, but does not own.

1 “(b) BABY CHANGING TABLES.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—All covered passenger rail
3 trains shall have a baby changing table in at least
4 one restroom in each rail car, including in an ADA-
5 compliant restroom.

6 “(2) SIGNAGE.—Such restroom shall clearly in-
7 dicate with signage the presence of a baby changing
8 table and such baby changing tables shall be clearly
9 identified with signage.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis
11 for chapter 243 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
12 ed by inserting after the item relating to section 24313
13 the following:

“24314. Baby changing tables.”.

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