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[Report No. 119–118]

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 13, 2025

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

APRIL 22, 2026

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

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

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”.

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

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

6 **“§ 24314. Baby changing tables**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) ADA-COMPLIANT RESTROOM.—The term
 9 ‘ADA-compliant restroom’ means a restroom that
 10 complies with the requirements set forth in section
 11 242(a) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
 12 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12162(a)).

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

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

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

23 “(i) is owned and operated by the Na-
 24 tional Railroad Passenger Corporation
 25 (commonly known as ‘Amtrak’); and

1 “(ii) was solicited for purchase after
 2 the date of the enactment of the Baby
 3 Changing on Board Act for use by Am-
 4 trak; and

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

7 “(b) BABY CHANGING TABLES.—

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

12 “(2) SIGNAGE.—Such restroom shall clearly in-
 13 dicate with signage the presence of a baby changing
 14 table and such baby changing tables shall be clearly
 15 identified with signage.”.

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

 “24314. Baby changing tables.”.

20 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

21 *This Act may be cited as the “Baby Changing on*
 22 *Board Act”.*

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

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 243 of title 49, United
 4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 24313
 5 the following:

6 **“§24314. Baby changing tables**

7 “(a) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

8 “(1) *ADA-COMPLIANT PUBLIC RESTROOM.*—The
 9 term ‘ADA-compliant public restroom’ means a rest-
 10 room that is not in a private accommodation and
 11 complies with the requirements set forth in section
 12 242(a) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
 13 (42 U.S.C. 12162(a)).

14 “(2) *BABY CHANGING TABLE.*—The term ‘baby
 15 changing table’ means an elevated structure generally
 16 designed to support and retain a child with a body
 17 weight of up to 30 pounds in a horizontal position for
 18 the purpose of allowing an individual to change the
 19 child’s diaper, including pull-out or drop-down
 20 changing surfaces.

21 “(3) *COVERED PASSENGER RAIL CAR.*—The term
 22 ‘covered passenger rail car’—

23 “(A) means a passenger rail car that—

24 “(i) is owned and operated by—

1 “(I) the National Railroad Pas-
 2 senger Corporation (commonly known
 3 as ‘Amtrak’); or

4 “(II) another intercity passenger
 5 rail service provider that—

6 “(aa) is the recipient or sub-
 7 recipient of Federal financial as-
 8 sistance; or

9 “(bb) is a primary bene-
 10 ficiary of Federal financial assist-
 11 ance from a project for which an-
 12 other entity has received Federal
 13 financial assistance;

14 “(ii) is newly built and was solicited
 15 for purchase after the date of the enactment
 16 of the Baby Changing on Board Act; and

17 “(iii) has at least one restroom that is
 18 not in a private accommodation; and

19 “(B) does not include—

20 “(i) a private rail car; or

21 “(ii) a historical or antiquated rail
 22 passenger car (as defined in section
 23 304(c)(2) of the Americans with Disabilities
 24 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12184(c)(2))).

1 “(4) *PRIVATE RAIL CAR.*—The term ‘private rail
2 *car*’ means rail rolling equipment that is used only
3 for excursion, recreational, or private transportation
4 purposes.

5 “(b) *BABY CHANGING TABLES.*—

6 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—All covered passenger rail
7 cars shall have a baby changing table in at least one
8 restroom, and when an ADA-compliant public rest-
9 room is present in the covered passenger car, such
10 restroom shall have a baby changing table.

11 “(2) *SIGNAGE.*—Each restroom described in
12 paragraph (1) shall clearly indicate with signage the
13 presence of a baby changing table and such baby
14 changing tables shall be clearly identified with sign-
15 age.”.

16 “(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The chapter analysis for
17 chapter 243 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
18 inserting after the item relating to section 24313 the fol-
19 lowing:

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