

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1141

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the use of child safety restraint systems approved by the Secretary of Transportation on commercial aircraft and to restrict the fares charged by air carriers for air transportation provided to children under 3 years of age.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 1997

Mr. DEFAZIO 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. CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS ON COMMERCIAL**
4 **AIRCRAFT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing new section:

1 **“§ 44725. Child restraint systems**

2 “Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
 3 ment of this section, the Secretary shall issue regulations
 4 requiring the use of child safety restraint systems ap-
 5 proved by the Secretary on any aircraft operated by an
 6 air carrier in providing interstate air transportation, intra-
 7 state transportation, or overseas air transportation. Such
 8 regulations shall establish age or weight limits for children
 9 who are to use such systems.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 11 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
 12 at the end the following new item:

“44725. Child restraint systems.”.

13 **SEC. 2. AIR TRANSPORTATION PRICES FOR CHILDREN**
 14 **UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE.**

15 (a) MAXIMUM PRICE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 415 of title 49,
 17 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 18 end the following new section:

19 **“§ 41512. Air transportation prices for children under**
 20 **3 years of age**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier providing air
 22 transportation to a child under 3 years of age on a sched-
 23 uled flight to any final destination may not charge a price
 24 for such air transportation that exceeds the lowest price
 25 charged by the air carrier for such air transportation to

1 any other paying passenger on such flight with the same
 2 final destination.

3 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
 4 definitions apply:

5 “(1) AIR CARRIER.—The term ‘air carrier’ in-
 6 cludes foreign air carriers.

7 “(2) AIR TRANSPORTATION.—The term ‘air
 8 transportation’ includes intrastate air transpor-
 9 tation.”.

10 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 11 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
 12 by adding at the end the following new item:

“41512. Air transportation prices for children under 3 years of age.”.

13 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 14 gress that air carriers should provide air transportation
 15 to children under 3 years of age at no charge.

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