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H. R. 1074

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to the transfer of airline tickets and to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to air carrier ticket pricing policies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIBBONS 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Consumer-Friendly
5 Airline Ticket Transfer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF AIRLINE TICKETS.**

7 (a) REGULATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 Transportation shall issue regulations requiring air
4 carriers to make paper tickets purchased after Janu-
5 ary 1, 2001, for intrastate air transportation or
6 interstate air transportation transferable at no cost.

7 (2) SPECIAL RULES.—Under the regulations—

8 (A) the transferee may only board the air-
9 craft to be used to provide the air transpor-
10 tation if the original purchaser of the ticket has
11 endorsed the ticket and the transferee endorses
12 the ticket in the presence of a ticket agent of
13 the air carrier providing the air transportation
14 and provides to the ticket agent proof of identi-
15 fication; and

16 (B) the original purchaser of the ticket is
17 the only person who may be credited under a
18 frequent flyer program of the air carrier for
19 mileage with respect to the air transportation.

20 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 90
21 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
22 Secretary shall make recommendations to Congress
23 relating to the transfer of electronic tickets for air
24 transportation.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “air
 2 carrier”, “air transportation”, “intrastate air transpor-
 3 tation”, and “interstate air transportation” have the
 4 meanings such terms have under section 40102 of title
 5 49, United States Code.

6 **SEC. 3. AIR CARRIER PRICING POLICIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 417 of
 8 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 9 end the following:

10 **“§ 41722. Air carrier pricing policies**

11 “An air carrier may not—

12 “(1) prohibit a person (including a govern-
 13 mental entity) that purchases air transportation
 14 from only using a portion of the air transportation
 15 purchased (including using the air transportation
 16 purchased only for 1-way travel instead of round-trip
 17 travel); and

18 “(2) assess an additional fee or charge to—

19 “(A) such a person; or

20 “(B) any ticket agent that sold the air
 21 transportation to such person.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 23 tions for such title is amended by inserting after the item
 24 relating to section 41721 the following:

“41722. Air carrier pricing policies.”.