

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of rural airports for purposes of the air transportation tax.

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Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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(a) MODIFICATION OF RURAL AIRPORT DEFINITION.—Clauses (i) and (ii) of section 4261(e)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining rural airport) are amended to read as follows:

7 “(i) there were fewer than 100,000
8 commercial passengers departing by air
9 during the second preceding calendar year
10 from such airport and such airport—

1 “(I) is not located within 75
 2 miles of another airport which is not
 3 described in this clause, or

4 “(II) is receiving essential air
 5 service subsidies as of August 5,
 6 1997, or

7 “(ii) such airport is not connected by
 8 paved roads to another airport.

9 For purposes of determining the number of
 10 passengers under clause (i), passengers depart-
 11 ing on a segment of less than 100 miles shall
 12 not be taken into account.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 15 graph (2), the amendment made by subsection (a)
 16 shall apply to transportation beginning on or after
 17 October 1, 2001.

18 (2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR TICK-
 19 ETS PURCHASED BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—
 20 The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not
 21 apply to the amounts paid for a ticket purchased be-
 22 fore the date of the enactment of this Act for a spec-
 23 ified flight beginning on or after October 1, 2001.

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