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# H. R. 5930

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 Protection  
5       in Airline Ticket Validity Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPIRATION OF TICKETS FOR AIR TRANSPOR-**  
2 **TATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 41712 of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(c) EXPIRATION OF TICKETS FOR AIR TRANSPOR-  
7 TATION.—It shall be an unfair or deceptive practice under  
8 subsection (a) for any air carrier, foreign air carrier, or  
9 ticket agent—

10 “(1) to sell a ticket for air transportation that  
11 expires before the last day of the 3-year period be-  
12 ginning on the date of issuance of the ticket; or

13 “(2) to impose restrictions, penalties, or fees  
14 that are unreasonable, as determined by the Sec-  
15 retary, on rescheduling the itinerary of a passenger  
16 named on a ticket for air transportation if the re-  
17 scheduling is requested before the ticket expires.”.

18 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Transportation  
19 shall issue regulations to carry out the amendment made  
20 by subsection (a).

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