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H. R. 2191

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations with respect to ensuring families are able to sit together on flights, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Ms. HAHN, Mr. RANGEL, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York) 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 “Families Flying To-
5 gether Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEATING FAMILIES TOGETHER ON FLIGHTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-

1 tation shall issue regulations directing each air carrier
2 to—

3 (1) establish a policy to ensure, to the extent
4 practicable, that a family that purchases tickets for
5 a flight with that air carrier is seated together dur-
6 ing that flight; and

7 (2) make the policy described in paragraph (1)
8 available to the public on an appropriate Internet
9 Web site of the air carrier.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
11 nitions apply:

12 (1) AIR CARRIER.—The term “air carrier” has
13 the meaning given that term in section 40102(a) of
14 title 49, United States Code.

15 (2) FAMILY.—The term “family” means a
16 grouping of individuals that includes, at a min-
17 imum—

18 (A) a child who is 12 years of age or
19 younger; and

20 (B) an individual who is—

21 (i) 18 years of age or older; and

22 (ii) responsible for accompanying that
23 child, including a parent or legal guardian
24 of that child.

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