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H. R. 4490

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Mr. COHEN 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 “Safe Egress in Air
5 Travel Act of 2016” or “SEAT Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM PASSENGER SEAT DIMENSIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation shall issue such regulations as are necessary—

5 (1) to establish minimum dimensions (including
6 width, length, and seat pitch) for passenger seats on
7 aircraft operated by any air carrier in the provision
8 of interstate air transportation or intrastate air
9 transportation; and

10 (2) for the safety and health of passengers.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The terms defined in section
13 40102 of title 49, United States Code, have, respec-
14 tively, the definitions given such terms in that sec-
15 tion.

16 (2) SEAT PITCH.—The term “seat pitch”
17 means the distance from any point on one seat to
18 the same point on the seat in front of or behind it.

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