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To require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. NADLER, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) 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 “Pets on Trains Act
5 of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMTRAK POLICY FOR PASSENGERS TRANSPORTING**
2 **DOMESTICATED CATS AND DOGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, Amtrak shall propose
5 a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domes-
6 ticated cats or dogs on certain trains operated by Amtrak.

7 (b) PET POLICY.—In the proposal required under
8 subsection (a), Amtrak shall—

9 (1) designate, where feasible, at least one car of
10 each passenger train that is comprised of more than
11 one car in which a ticketed passenger may transport
12 a domesticated cat or dog in the same manner as
13 carry-on baggage if—

14 (A) the cat or dog is contained in a pet
15 kennel;

16 (B) the pet kennel can be stowed in ac-
17 cordance with Amtrak size requirements for
18 carriage of carry-on baggage;

19 (C) the passenger is ticketed for traveling
20 a distance less than 750 miles; and

21 (D) the passenger pays a fee described in
22 subsection (c); and

23 (2) allow ticketed passengers to transport do-
24 mesticated cats or dogs in the same manner as cargo
25 if—

1 (A) the cat or dog is contained in a pet
2 kennel;

3 (B) the pet kennel can be stowed in ac-
4 cordance with Amtrak requirements for cargo
5 stowage;

6 (C) the passenger is ticketed for traveling
7 a distance less than 750 miles;

8 (D) the cargo area is temperature con-
9 trolled in a manner protective of dog and cat
10 health; and

11 (E) the passenger pays a fee described in
12 subsection (c).

13 (c) FEE COLLECTION.—Under the pet policy de-
14 scribed in subsection (b), Amtrak shall collect a fee for
15 each cat or dog transported by a ticketed passenger in
16 an amount that, at a minimum, covers the costs of admin-
17 istration of the policy.

18 (d) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—

19 (1) SERVICE ANIMALS.—The proposal required
20 under subsection (a) shall be separate from and in
21 addition to the policy governing Amtrak passengers
22 traveling with service animals. Nothing in this sec-
23 tion may be interpreted to limit or waive the rights
24 of passengers to transport service animals.

1 (2) ADDITIONAL TRAIN CARS.—Nothing in this
2 section may be interpreted to require Amtrak to add
3 additional train cars or modify existing train cars.

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