

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5232

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2018

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. JONES, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, and Mr. TIPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Coach-Only Airfare
5 for Capitol Hill Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAV-**
2 **EL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
3 **AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES FOR**
4 **AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN**
5 **COACH-CLASS.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
7 (b), no funds appropriated or otherwise made available for
8 the official travel expenses of a Member of Congress or
9 other officer or employee of any office in the legislative
10 branch may be used for airline accommodations which are
11 not coach-class accommodations.

12 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Funds described in subsection (a)
13 may be used for airline accommodations which are not
14 coach-class accommodations for an individual described in
15 subsection (a) if the use of the funds for such accommoda-
16 tions would be permitted under sections 301–10.121
17 through 301–10.125 of title 41 of the Code of Federal
18 Regulations if the individual were an employee of an agen-
19 cy which is subject to chapter 301 of such title.

20 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
21 may be construed to affect any officer or employee of an
22 office of the legislative branch which, as of the date of
23 the enactment of this Act, is subject to chapter 301 of
24 title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—

1 (1) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS.—In this
2 Act, the term “coach-class accommodations” means
3 the basic class of accommodation by airlines that is
4 normally the lowest fare offered regardless of airline
5 terminology used, and (as referred to by airlines)
6 may include tourist class or economy class, as well
7 as single class when the airline offers only one class
8 of accommodations to all travelers.

9 (2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—In this Act, the
10 term “Member of Congress” means a Senator or a
11 Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-
12 sioner to, the Congress.

13 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This Act shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2019
15 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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