

114TH CONGRESS
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To require the Federal Aviation Administration to establish minimum standards for space for passengers on passenger aircraft.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. REGULATIONS RELATING TO SPACE FOR PAS-**
4 **SENGERS ON AIRCRAFT.**

5 (a) MORATORIUM ON REDUCTIONS TO AIRCRAFT
6 SEAT SIZE.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal
8 Aviation Administration shall prohibit any air carrier from
9 reducing the size, width, padding, or pitch of seats on pas-
10 senger aircraft operated by the air carrier, the amount of

1 leg room per seat on such aircraft, or the width of aisles
2 on such aircraft.

3 (b) REGULATIONS RELATING TO SPACE FOR PAS-
4 SENGERS ON AIRCRAFT.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
6 shall prescribe regulations—

7 (1) establishing minimum standards for space
8 for passengers on passenger aircraft, including the
9 size, width, padding, and pitch of seats, the amount
10 of leg room per seat, and the width of aisles on such
11 aircraft for the safety, health, and comfort of pas-
12 sengers; and

13 (2) requiring each air carrier to prominently
14 display on the website of the air carrier the amount
15 of space available for each passenger on passenger
16 aircraft operated by the air carrier, including the
17 size, width, padding, and pitch of seats, the amount
18 of leg room per seat, and the width of aisles on such
19 aircraft.

20 (c) CONSULTATIONS.—In prescribing the regulations
21 required by subsection (b), the Administrator shall consult
22 with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration,
23 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, passenger
24 advocacy organizations, physicians, and ergonomic engi-
25 neers.

1 (d) AIR CARRIER DEFINED.—In this section, the
2 term “air carrier” means an air carrier (as defined in sec-
3 tion 40102 of title 49, United States Code) that trans-
4 ports passengers by aircraft as a common carrier for com-
5 pensation.