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S. 1469

To require air carriers to provide 90 days' notice to the Secretary of Transportation, the appropriate State agencies, and affected communities prior to the termination, suspension, or significant reduction of air service.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 7), 1993

Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. FORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 "Air Service Termi-
5 nation Notice Act of 1993".

1 **SEC. 2. AIR SERVICE TERMINATION NOTICE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Federal Aviation
3 Act of 1958 (49 App. U.S.C. 1371 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 420. AIR SERVICE TERMINATION NOTICE.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier may not termi-
7 nate, air transportation to any point, unless such air car-
8 rier has given the Secretary, each appropriate State agen-
9 cy, and each affected community at least 90 days’ notice
10 before such termination.

11 “(b) EMERGENCY EXCEPTION.—On a case-by-case
12 basis, the Secretary may modify or waive the requirements
13 of subsection (a) for an air carrier experiencing a sudden
14 and unforeseen financial emergency, if the Secretary finds
15 that such requirements impose undue hardship on such
16 air carrier.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AGREEMENT.—The portion of the
18 table of contents of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 re-
19 lating to title IV is amended by inserting immediately
20 after the item relating to section 419 the following new
21 item:

“Sec. 420. Air service termination notice.

“(a) In general.

“(b) Emergency exceptions.”.

22 **SEC. 3. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

23 Section 901(a)(1) of the Federal Aviation Act of
24 1958 (49 App. U.S.C. 1471(a)(1)) is amended by insert-

1 ing “section 420 or” immediately after “\$10,000 for each
2 violation of”.

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