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H. R. 1052

To amend title 49, United States Code, relating to civil penalties for unruly passengers of air carriers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To amend title 49, United States Code, relating to civil penalties for unruly passengers of air carriers.

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. PENALTIES FOR UNRULY PASSENGERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 463 of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
6 ing:

7 **“§ 46317. Interference with cabin or flight crew**

8 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—An individual who interferes
9 with the duties or responsibilities of the flight crew or
10 cabin crew of a civil aircraft or takes any action that poses

1 an imminent threat to the safety of the aircraft or other
2 individuals on the aircraft is liable to the United States
3 Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000.
4 In addition or as an alternative, the Secretary of Trans-
5 portation may prohibit for not more than 1 year the indi-
6 vidual from flying as a passenger on an aircraft used to
7 provide air transportation.

8 “(b) NOTIFICATION OF AIR CARRIERS.—Not later
9 than 10 days after issuing an order prohibiting an individ-
10 ual from flying under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
11 notify all air carriers of the prohibition and the term of
12 such prohibition.

13 “(c) RESPONSIBILITY OF AIR CARRIERS.—After a
14 notification of an order issued under subsection (a), an
15 air carrier who provides air transportation for the individ-
16 ual prohibited from flying during the term of such prohibi-
17 tion is liable to the United States Government for a civil
18 penalty of not more than \$25,000.

19 “(d) COMPROMISE AND SETOFF.—

20 “(1) COMPROMISE.—The Secretary may com-
21 promise the amount of a civil penalty imposed under
22 this section.

23 “(2) SETOFF.—The Government may deduct
24 the amount of a civil penalty imposed or com-

1 promised under this section from amounts it owes
2 the person liable for the penalty.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
4 chapter 463 of such title is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

“46317. Interference with cabin or flight crew.”.

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