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H. R. 2600

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2001

Mr. PUTNAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Children’s Air Travel
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF MINORS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 417 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end of sub-
4 chapter 1 the following:

5 **“§ 41722. Transportation of minors**

6 “(a) TRANSPORTATION OF UNACCOMPANIED MI-
7 NORS.—No air carrier or foreign air carrier may provide
8 air transportation of an unaccompanied minor under the
9 age of 18 without a written certification of a custodial par-
10 ent’s, foster parent’s, or legal guardian’s permission.

11 “(b) TRANSPORTATION OF ADULTS ACCOMPANYING
12 CERTAIN MINORS.—No air carrier or foreign air carrier
13 may provide air transportation of a minor under the age
14 of 18 that is accompanied by a person that is 18 years
15 of age or older unless such person certifies, in writing, that
16 the minor has the permission of the custodial parent, fos-
17 ter parent, or legal guardian to travel with such person.

18 “(c) MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION.—An air car-
19 rier or foreign air carrier that receives a certification
20 under this section shall maintain a copy of the certification
21 for at least 1 year after the date of receipt.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
23 such subchapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

“41722. Transportation of minors.”.

1 **SEC. 3. FALSE CERTIFICATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 463 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 46319. False certification of parental permission**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A person that knowingly pro-
7 vides to an air carrier or foreign air carrier under section
8 41722 false certification of parental or guardian permis-
9 sion with respect to a minor who is in fact a missing minor
10 shall be fined under title 18, imprisoned for not more than
11 2 years, or both.

12 “(b) MISSING MINOR DEFINED.—In this section the
13 term ‘missing minor’ means a minor under the age of 18
14 with respect to whom a custodial parent, foster parent,
15 or legal guardian has filed a missing person report with
16 appropriate law enforcement authorities.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
18 such subchapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing:

“46319. False certification of parental permission.”.

20 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**

21 Nothing in this Act, including any amendment made
22 by this Act, shall be construed as making an air carrier
23 or foreign air carrier liable to a parent, foster parent, or

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- 1 legal guardian of a minor for providing air transportation
- 2 for the minor without parental or guardian permission.

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