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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Transportation to develop an Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1405

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. BALDWIN

Viz:

1 After section 3114, add the following:

2 **SEC. 3115. AIRLINE PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES BILL**

3 **OF RIGHTS.**

4 (a) AIRLINE PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES BILL

5 OF RIGHTS.—The Secretary of Transportation shall de-

6 velop a document, to be known as the “Airline Passengers

7 with Disabilities Bill of Rights”, using plain language to

8 describe the basic protections and responsibilities of cov-

9 ered air carriers, their employees and contractors, and

10 people with disabilities under the section 41705 of title

11 49, United States Code.

1 (b) CONTENT.—In developing the Airline Passengers
2 with Disabilities Bill of Rights under subsection (a), the
3 Secretary shall include, at a minimum, plain language de-
4 scriptions of protections and responsibilities provided in
5 law related to the following:

6 (1) The right of passengers with disabilities to
7 be treated with dignity and respect.

8 (2) The right of passengers with disabilities to
9 receive timely assistance, if requested, from properly
10 trained covered air carrier and contractor personnel.

11 (3) The right of passengers with disabilities to
12 travel with wheelchairs, mobility aids, and other as-
13 sistive devices, including necessary medications and
14 medical supplies, including stowage of such wheel-
15 chairs, aids, and devices.

16 (4) The right of passengers with disabilities to
17 receive seating accommodations, if requested, to ac-
18 commodate a disability.

19 (5) The right of passengers with disabilities to
20 receive announcements in an accessible format.

21 (6) The right of passengers with disabilities to
22 speak with a complaint resolution officer or to file
23 a complaint with an covered air carrier or the De-
24 partment of Transportation.

1 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The development of
2 the Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights
3 under subsections (a) and (b) shall not be construed as
4 expanding or restricting the rights available to passengers
5 with disabilities on the day before the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act pursuant to any statute or regulation.

7 (d) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing the Airline Pas-
8 sengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights under subsection
9 (a), the Secretary of Transportation shall consult with
10 stakeholders, including disability organizations and cov-
11 ered air carriers and their contractors.

12 (e) DISPLAY.—Each covered air carrier shall include
13 the Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights—

14 (1) on a publicly available Internet website of
15 the covered air carrier; and

16 (2) in any pre-flight notifications or commu-
17 nications provided to passengers who alert the cov-
18 ered air carrier in advance of the need for accom-
19 modations relating to a disability.

20 (f) TRAINING.—Covered air carriers and contractors
21 of covered air carriers shall submit to the Secretary of
22 Transportation plans that ensure employees of covered air
23 carriers and their contractors receive training on the pro-
24 tections and responsibilities described in the Airline Pas-
25 sengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights. The Secretary

- 1 shall review such plans to ensure the plans address the
- 2 matters described in subsection (b).