

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4077

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

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

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## 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 “The First Bag Flies  
5 Free Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICE.**

2 (a) NO COST FOR FIRST PIECE OF CHECKED BAG-  
3 GAGE.—Section 41712 of title 49, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) NO COST FOR FIRST PIECE OF CHECKED BAG-  
6 GAGE.—It shall be an unfair or deceptive practice under  
7 subsection (a) for any air carrier, foreign air carrier, or  
8 ticket agent to charge a fee for or accept payment from  
9 a passenger on a flight segment for the first piece of  
10 checked baggage that weighs 50 pounds or less and for  
11 which the size does not exceed 62 inches (determined by  
12 adding the length, width, and height together).”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirements of section  
14 41712 of title 49, United States Code, shall become effec-  
15 tive on December 15, 2009, or on the date of enactment  
16 of this Act, whichever is later.

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