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H. R. 6124

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations with respect to ensuring families are able to sit together on flights, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Families Flying To-
5 gether Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEATING FAMILIES TOGETHER ON FLIGHTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation shall issue regulations directing each air carrier
10 to—

1 (1) establish a policy to ensure, to the extent
2 practicable, that a family that purchases tickets for
3 a flight with that air carrier is seated together dur-
4 ing that flight; and

5 (2) make the policy described in paragraph (1)
6 available to the public on an appropriate Internet
7 Web site of the air carrier.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
9 nitions apply:

10 (1) AIR CARRIER.—The term “air carrier” has
11 the meaning given that term in section 40102(a) of
12 title 49, United States Code.

13 (2) FAMILY.—The term “family” means a
14 grouping of individuals that includes, at a min-
15 imum—

16 (A) a child who is 12 years of age or
17 younger; and

18 (B) an individual who is—

19 (i) 18 years of age or older; and

20 (ii) responsible for accompanying that
21 child, including a parent or legal guardian
22 of that child.

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