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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2015

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. JONES, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TIPTON, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. ZINKE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Coach-Only Airfare for Capitol Hill Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES FOR AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN COACH-CLASS.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection (b), no funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the official travel expenses of a Member of Congress or other officer or employee of any office in the legislative branch may be used for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Funds described in subsection (a) may be used for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations for an individual described in subsection (a) if the use of the funds for such accommodations would be permitted under sections 301–10.121 through 301–10.125 of title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations if the individual were an employee of an agency which is subject to chapter 301 of such title.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act may be construed to affect any officer or employee of an office of the legislative branch which, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, is subject to chapter 301 of title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS.—In this Act, the term ''coach-class accommodations'' means the basic class of accommodation by airlines that is normally the lowest fare offered regardless of airline terminology used, and (as referred to by airlines) may include tourist class or economy class, as well as single class when the airline offers only one class of accommodations to all travelers.

(2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—In this Act, the term ''Member of Congress'' means a Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2016 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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