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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ 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 “Airline Freeze of As-
5 tronomical Increases in Rates Act” or the “AirFAIR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCESSIVE AVIATION TICKET PRICE INCREASES**
2 **DURING DISASTERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 41712 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(d) EXCESSIVE TICKET PRICE INCREASES DURING
7 DISASTERS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be an unfair or de-
9 ceptive practice under subsection (a) for any ticket
10 agent, air carrier, foreign air carrier, or other person
11 offering to sell tickets for air transportation to im-
12 pose an excessive increase in the price of such tick-
13 ets in circumstances related to a disaster or emer-
14 gency.

15 “(2) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue
16 regulations to establish standards for determining
17 whether an increase in a ticket price is excessive for
18 purposes of paragraph (1). At a minimum, the
19 standards shall ensure that an increase of 30 per-
20 cent or more is treated as being excessive.

21 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term
22 ‘disaster’ or ‘emergency’ means a disaster or emer-
23 gency as declared by a State, the District of Colum-
24 bia, or a territory or possession of the United
25 States.”.

26 (b) UNFAIR TICKET PRICING PRACTICES.—

1 (1) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Federal
2 Aviation Administration shall conduct a study on
3 whether any ticket agent, air carrier, foreign air car-
4 rier, or other person offering to sell tickets for air
5 transportation has engaged in unfair practices in the
6 sale of such tickets in circumstances related to a dis-
7 aster or emergency.

8 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
10 shall submit to Congress a report on the results of
11 the study.

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