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To establish a system to expedite gate passes and flight access procedures at domestic airports to allow caregivers, parents, and guardians to accompany minors and passengers needing assistance to their flights, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Accommodating Indi-
5 viduals Requesting Familial Assistance in Riding Effi-
6 ciently Act” or the “AIRFARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM TO EXPEDITE GATE**
2 **PASSES AND FLIGHT ACCESS PROCEDURES**
3 **TO ALLOW CAREGIVERS, PARENTS, AND**
4 **GUARDIANS TO ACCOMPANY MINORS AND**
5 **PASSENGERS NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO**
6 **THEIR FLIGHTS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) CAREGIVERS.—The term “caregivers”
9 means individuals responsible for the care of minors
10 or passengers needing assistance.

11 (2) MINORS.—The term “minors” means indi-
12 viduals under the age of 18.

13 (3) PASSENGERS NEEDING ASSISTANCE.—The
14 term “passengers needing assistance” means individ-
15 uals requiring special assistance related to their
16 health or mobility, such as wheelchair users.

17 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
19 trator of the Transportation Security Administration
20 (TSA) shall establish a system at domestic airports to ex-
21 pedite gate passes and flight access procedures. The sys-
22 tem shall ensure the following:

23 (1) Air carriers may offer up to two gate passes
24 to caregivers, parents, and guardians who are ac-
25 companying a minor or a passenger needing assist-
26 ance to a departing flight.

1 (2) If applicable, caregivers, parents, and
2 guardians may apply their existing TSA Pre-Check
3 privileges to such gate passes via their Known Trav-
4 eler Numbers, and such gate passes shall note such
5 status in the same manner and to the same extent
6 as such status would be noted on a ticket issued to
7 such caregivers, parents, and guardians.

8 (c) REQUIREMENT.—In the case of a passenger need-
9 ing assistance who makes use of a wheelchair, a gate pass
10 may be issued to a caregiver of such passenger pursuant
11 to subsection (b) only if such caregiver is the individual
12 pushing such wheelchair.

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