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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

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Ms. HAHN, Mr. RANGEL, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 ''Families Flying Together Act of 2013''.

SEC. 2. SEATING FAMILIES TOGETHER ON FLIGHTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-

tation shall issue regulations directing each air carrier to—

(1) establish a policy to ensure, to the extent practicable, that a family that purchases tickets for a flight with that air carrier is seated together during that flight; and

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

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

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

(2) FAMILY.—The term ''family'' means a grouping of individuals that includes, at a minimum—

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

(B) an individual who is—

(i) 18 years of age or older; and

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

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