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Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 624	Identical bill	Jan 22, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

Summary (as of Jan 12, 2009)

Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 2009 - Requires each air carrier and airport operator to submit for approval by the Secretary of Transportation a proposed contingency plan meeting minimum standards established by the Secretary.

Requires an air carrier to provide passengers on a departure- or arrival-delayed grounded aircraft with: (1) adequate food, water, restrooms, ventilation, and medical services; as well as (2) a time frame under which passengers may deplane a delayed aircraft after three hours, except in specified circumstances.

Requires an airport operator plan to describe: (1) how passengers will be deplaned following a long tarmac delay; and (2) how facilities will be shared and gates made available to aircraft that experience such delays.

Authorizes the Secretary to assess a civil penalty against air carriers and airport operators that fail to submit, obtain approval of, or adhere to a contingency plan. Requires public access to such plans.

Directs the Secretary to establish a consumer hotline telephone number for air passenger complaints.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 12, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 12, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S314-315)
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