

HR 7741

MIDDLE Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Jul 23, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. (Jul 24, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]

Party: Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jul 23, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 23, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Aug 14, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4293	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Maintaining Important Distance During Lengthy Epidemics Act of 2020 or the MIDDLE Act of 2020

This bill prohibits air carriers, during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency, from (1) permitting adjacent seats to another occupied seat to be filled on a passenger aircraft, (2) passing along the cost of any seat switch undertaken by such air carriers in order to comply with the prohibitions, and (3) permitting a passenger or crewmember to board a passenger aircraft if the passenger or crewmember is not wearing a mask.

The Federal Aviation Administration must issue guidance for appropriate exceptions to the prohibitions based on federal public health guidance.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jul 23, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 23, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.