

HR 7867

Healthy Flights Act of 2020

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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2020
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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 30, 2020
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Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Aug 25, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Nov 20, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Nov 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 30, 2020)

Healthy Flights Act of 2020

This bill provides authority for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose any requirements on passenger and cargo air travel to protect the health and safety of air carrier crewmembers and passengers and to reduce the spread of such infectious disease through the aviation system during public health emergencies such as COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Among other provisions, the bill

- sets forth requirements relating to the use of masks and other protective equipment for airline passengers and certain airline employees;
- requires the FAA to provide certain employees, including any air traffic controller and airway transportation systems specialist, with masks and other protective equipment;
- mandates the development of a national aviation preparedness plan to ensure the aviation system is prepared to respond to epidemics and pandemics of infectious diseases;
- directs each air carrier operating an aircraft with a seating capacity of 20 or more to implement appropriate measures on a flight in air transportation for the purpose of reducing the likelihood of any passenger or crewmember contracting an infectious disease;
- requires the FAA to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study on the transmission of infectious diseases, including airborne diseases, in the cabins of passenger airplanes; and
- establishes a Center of Excellence for Infectious Disease Response and Prevention in Aviation within the FAA.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.