

HR 2770

Healthy Flights Act of 2021

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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 12, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		May 12, 2022
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		May 12, 2022
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 884	Related bill	Nov 15, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Healthy Flights Act of 2021

This bill provides authority for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose 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 infectious diseases through the aviation system during public health emergencies.

For example, the bill (1) sets forth requirements relating to the use of masks and other protective equipment for airline passengers and certain airline employees; (2) requires the FAA to provide certain employees, including any air traffic controller and airway transportation systems specialists, with masks and other protective equipment; and (3) 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.

Additionally, the bill directs each air carrier operating an aircraft with a seating capacity of 20 or more to implement appropriate measures on a flight to reduce the likelihood of any passenger or crewmember contracting an infectious disease.

The FAA must enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study on the transmission of infectious diseases, such as respiratory diseases, in the cabins of passenger airplanes.

Further, the bill (1) establishes a Center of Excellence for Infectious Disease Response and Prevention in Aviation within the FAA; and (2) directs the FAA to revise airline passenger briefing requirements, including briefings during a national emergency pertaining to a respiratory disease.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
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