

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 179

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “No Congressional First  
5       Class Flights Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAV-**  
2 **EL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**  
3 **FOR AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER**  
4 **THAN COACH-CLASS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—No funds appropriated or other-  
6 wise made available during a fiscal year for the official  
7 travel expenses of a Member of Congress may be used for  
8 airline accommodations which are not coach-class accom-  
9 modations, unless the use of other than coach-class accom-  
10 modations is necessary to accommodate a medical dis-  
11 ability or other special need.

12 (b) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS DEFINED.—In  
13 this section, the term “coach-class accommodations”  
14 means the basic class of accommodation by airlines that  
15 is normally the lowest fare offered regardless of airline ter-  
16 minology used, and (as referred to by airlines) may include  
17 tourist class or economy class, as well as single class when  
18 the airline offers only one class of accommodations to all  
19 travelers.

20 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

21 The Committee on House Administration of the  
22 House of Representatives (with respect to Representatives  
23 in, and Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to, the  
24 Congress) and the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
25 tion of the Senate (with respect to Senators) shall each

1 promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry  
2 out this Act.

3 **SEC. 4. MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**

4 In this Act, the term “Member of Congress” means  
5 a Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident  
6 Commissioner to, the Congress.

7 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 This Act shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2022  
9 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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