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H. R. 4362

To require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to jointly issue regulations relating to air carrier transport of human organs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. COLLINS, and Mr. MCCORMICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Saving Organs One
5 Flight at a Time Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS RELATING TO AIR CARRIER TRANS-**
2 **PORT OF HUMAN ORGANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
5 the Transportation Security Administration and the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall
7 jointly take such actions as may be necessary to issue reg-
8 ulations to enable air carriers to efficiently and safely
9 carry organs for transplant above wing. Such regulations
10 shall include the following:

11 (1) A definition of covered materials that in-
12 cludes organs and containers associated with the
13 transfer of such organs.

14 (2) Consideration of protocols for air control
15 outages that impact timeliness of flights trans-
16 porting organs for transplant.

17 (3) A requirement that air carriers implement
18 a protocol for human person accompaniment of or-
19 gans to and from the aircraft and between con-
20 necting flights.

21 (4) A standardized process for commercial air
22 carrier acceptance, handling, and management of or-
23 gans in transit.

24 (5) Consistent use of flight notes to indicate or-
25 gans on board to permit air traffic control to ensure

1 priority takeoff and landing of flights transporting
2 organs for transplant.

3 (b) CONSULTATION.—In promulgating the regula-
4 tions required under subsection (a), the Administrator of
5 the Transportation Security Administrator and the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall
7 jointly consult with the Organ Procurement and Trans-
8 plantation Network (OPTN) to identify metrics regarding
9 air carrier handling of organs and organ-related tissue in
10 order to increase transparency and aid the development
11 of best practices and improvement initiatives.

12 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “organ” has
13 the meaning given such term in section 121.2 of title 42,
14 Code of Federal Regulations.

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