

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4952

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2019

Ms. CHENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Strengthening Support
5 For Veterans with Service Animals Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING FOR VETERANS TRAVELING WITH**
2 **SERVICE DOGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
4 shall issue such regulations as are necessary to revise sec-
5 tion 382.117 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to
6 require an air carrier to permit an eligible service animal
7 to accompany an eligible veteran during travel if such vet-
8 eran provides—

9 (1) the documentation described in subsection
10 (e) of such section 382.117 (as in effect on the date
11 of enactment of this Act); or

12 (2) a valid veterans identification card issued by
13 the Department of Veterans Affairs that contains a
14 service-connected disability designation.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) ELIGIBLE VETERAN.—The term “eligible
17 veteran” means a veteran with a service-connected
18 disability (as such terms are defined in section 101
19 of title 38, United States Code).

20 (2) ELIGIBLE SERVICE ANIMAL.—The term “el-
21 igible service animal” means a dog certified to serve
22 as a service animal with credentials from an entity
23 approved by the Secretary.

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