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H. R. 4980

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 6, 2021

Mr. Torres of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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. AIR TRANSPORTATION VACCINATION RE-
- 4 QUIREMENT.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
- 6 rity, acting through the Administrator of the Transpor-
- 7 tation Security Administration, shall take such actions as

- 1 are necessary to ensure that any individual traveling on
- 2 a flight that departs from or arrives to an airport inside
- 3 the United States or a territory of the United States is
- 4 fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- 5 (b) Exception.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
- 6 Secretary shall ensure there is an exception to the require-
- 7 ment described in such subsection for an individual who
- 8 is ineligible or medically unable to be fully vaccinated
- 9 against COVID-19.
- 10 (c) Definition.—In this Act, the term "fully vac-
- 11 cinated against COVID-19" means receiving all rec-
- 12 ommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is licensed
- 13 under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42
- 14 U.S.C. 262) or authorized for emergency use under sec-
- 15 tion 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
- 16 (21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3).

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