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H. R. 2602

To amend title 49, United States Code, to include training for certain employees of air carriers to combat human trafficking, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 “Secure our Skies Act
5 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR**
2 **CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF AIR CARRIERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 417 of
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 **“§ 41725. Training to combat human trafficking**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each air carrier providing pas-
8 senger air transportation shall provide flight attendants,
9 pilots, and dispatchers who are employees or contractors
10 of the air carrier with training to combat human traf-
11 ficking in the course of carrying out their duties as em-
12 ployees or contractors of the air carrier.

13 “(b) ELEMENTS OF TRAINING.—The training an air
14 carrier is required to provide under subsection (a) to flight
15 attendants, pilots, and dispatchers shall include training
16 with respect to—

17 “(1) common indicators of human trafficking;
18 and

19 “(2) best practices for reporting suspected traf-
20 ficking to law enforcement officers.

21 “(c) TRAINING MODULE.—To assist in training flight
22 attendants, pilots, and dispatchers to identify and report
23 human trafficking, the Department of Homeland Security
24 and the Department of Transportation shall provide infor-
25 mation to air carriers, including the Blue Campaign train-

1 ing module, and permit air carriers to use such informa-
 2 tion, in whole or in part, in complying with subsection (a).

3 “(d) HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINED.—In this sec-
 4 tion, the term ‘human trafficking’ means one or more se-
 5 vere forms of trafficking in persons (as defined in section
 6 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
 7 U.S.C. 7102)).”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 9 ter 417 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
 10 inserting after the item relating to section 41724 the fol-
 11 lowing:

“41725. Training to combat human trafficking.”.

12 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
 13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
 14 the Federal Aviation Administration shall submit to the
 15 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
 16 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
 17 frastructure of the House of Representatives a report that
 18 includes—

19 (1) the status of air carrier compliance with
 20 section 41725(a) and the dissemination and use of
 21 information described in subsection (c) of that sec-
 22 tion; and

23 (2) recommendations for improving the identi-
 24 fication and reporting of human trafficking by air

1 carrier personnel while protecting the civil liberties
2 of passengers.

3 **SEC. 3. IMMUNITY FOR REPORTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

4 Section 44941(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “or terrorism, as defined by section
6 3077 of title 18, United States Code,” and inserting
7 “human trafficking (as defined by section 41725), or ter-
8 rorism (as defined by section 3077 of title 18, United
9 States Code)”.

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