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To provide for the establishment of business accounts for air travel by Federal employees to maximize cost savings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ENGLISH of Arizona introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Government Operations and House Administration

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 “Government Travel
5 Cost Reduction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BUSINESS ACCOUNTS FOR AIR TRAVEL BY FED-**
2 **ERAL EMPLOYEES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 57 of title 5, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5709
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 5710. Business accounts for air travel**

7 “(a) The General Services Administration or any
8 agency entering into a contract with an air carrier for
9 travel on official business—

10 “(1) subject to the provisions of paragraph (2),
11 shall include as a term of such contract that such
12 air carrier shall—

13 “(A) establish a separate air travel busi-
14 ness account for any employee, designated by
15 the head of the agency employing such em-
16 ployee, for travel on official business by such
17 employee on such air carrier;

18 “(B) deposit any award or bonus by such
19 air carrier awarded to such employee for travel
20 on official business into the employee’s air trav-
21 el business account; and

22 “(C) apply any such award or bonus from
23 such employee’s air travel business account to
24 any travel on official business by such employee
25 on such air carrier except that such awards or

1 bonuses shall not be used for seating upgrades;
2 and

3 “(2) may include as a term of such contract, as
4 an alternative to the term required under paragraph
5 (1), that such air carrier shall—

6 “(A) establish an air travel business ac-
7 count for any office or administrative unit of an
8 agency, as designated by the head of such agen-
9 cy, for travel on official business by employees
10 of such office or administrative unit on such air
11 carrier;

12 “(B) deposit any award or bonus by such
13 air carrier awarded to any employee of such of-
14 fice or administrative unit for travel on official
15 business into the air travel business account of
16 such office or administrative unit; and

17 “(C) apply any such award or bonus from
18 the air travel business account of such office or
19 administrative unit to any travel on official
20 business by any employee of such office or ad-
21 ministrative unit except that such awards or bo-
22 nuses shall not be used for seating upgrades.

23 “(b) All air travel business accounts established
24 under this section shall be separate from any personal ac-
25 count of an employee. Any award or bonus from an air

1 travel business account may be used only for travel on offi-
2 cial business except that such awards shall not be used
3 for seating upgrades.

4 “(c) To the greatest extent practicable, the General
5 Services Administration shall include the term described
6 under subsection (a)(2) in a contract to maximize travel
7 costs savings.

8 “(d) The General Services Administration shall pro-
9 mulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this sec-
10 tion. Such regulations shall include a requirement that,
11 to the greatest extent practicable to maximize travel costs
12 savings, employees shall—

13 “(1) travel on official business with air carriers
14 awarding awards and bonuses for official business
15 travel, regardless of whether such travel is on an air
16 carrier under a contract described under this sec-
17 tion; and

18 “(2)(A) participate in any program of such air
19 carrier awarding awards and bonuses; and

20 “(B) use such awards and bonuses for only offi-
21 cial business travel except that such awards shall not
22 be used for seating upgrades.”.

23 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
24 The table of sections for chapter 57 of title 5, United

1 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
2 ing to section 5709 the following new item:

“5710. Business accounts for air travel.”.

3 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—No later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Committee on Rules
6 and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on
7 Administration of the House of Representatives shall pro-
8 mulgate regulations relating to Members of Congress and
9 any employee whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of
10 the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives,
11 respectively, that—

12 (1) require any Member of the Senate, officer
13 of the Senate, Member of the House of Representa-
14 tives, or officer of the House of Representatives who
15 enters into a contract with an air carrier for travel
16 on official business by a Member or employee—

17 (A) subject to the provisions of subpara-
18 graph (B), shall include as a term of such con-
19 tract that such air carrier shall—

20 (i) establish a separate air travel busi-
21 ness account for any Member or employee,
22 designated by the applicable Member or
23 employing committee or office of such em-
24 ployee, for travel on official business by

1 such Member or employee on such air car-
2 rier;

3 (ii) deposit any award or bonus by
4 such air carrier awarded to such Member
5 or employee for travel on official business
6 into the Member's or employee's air travel
7 business account; and

8 (iii) apply any such award or bonus
9 from such Member's or employee's air
10 travel business account to any travel on of-
11 ficial business by such Member or em-
12 ployee on such air carrier except that such
13 awards or bonuses shall not be used for
14 seating upgrades; and

15 (B) may include as a term of such con-
16 tract, as an alternative to the term required
17 under subparagraph (A), that such air carrier
18 shall—

19 (i) establish an air travel business ac-
20 count for any committee or office as des-
21 ignated by the applicable Member, commit-
22 tee, or office, for travel on official business
23 by Members or employees of such commit-
24 tee or office on such air carrier;

1 (ii) deposit any award or bonus by
2 such air carrier awarded to any Member or
3 employee of such committee or office for
4 travel on official business into the air trav-
5 el business account of such committee or
6 office; and

7 (iii) apply any such award or bonus
8 from the air travel business account of
9 such committee or office to any travel on
10 official business by any Member or em-
11 ployee of such committee or office except
12 that such awards or bonuses shall not be
13 used for seating upgrades; and

14 (2) to the greatest extent practicable to maxi-
15 mize travel costs savings, require committees and of-
16 fices (including Members' offices)—

17 (A) to enter into contracts with air carriers
18 awarding awards and bonuses for official busi-
19 ness travel; and

20 (B) to require Members and employees
21 to—

22 (i) travel on official business with air
23 carriers awarding awards and bonuses for
24 official business travel, regardless of
25 whether such travel is on an air carrier

1 under a contract described under this sec-
2 tion; and

3 (ii)(I) participate in any program of
4 such air carrier awarding awards and bo-
5 nuses; and

6 (II) use such awards and bonuses for
7 only official business travel except that
8 such awards or bonuses shall not be used
9 for seating upgrades.

10 (b) SEPARATE BUSINESS ACCOUNTS.—All air travel
11 business accounts established under this section shall be
12 separate from any personal account of a Member or em-
13 ployee. Any award or bonus from an air travel business
14 account may be used only for travel on official business
15 except that such awards or bonuses shall not be used for
16 seating upgrades.

17 (c) COMMITTEE AND OFFICE ACCOUNTS.—To the
18 greatest extent practicable, any Member of Congress or
19 officer of the Congress entering into a contract as provided
20 under this section shall include the term described under
21 subsection (a)(1)(B) to maximize costs savings.

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