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# H. R. 2066

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2013

Mr. DENHAM (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRIMM, and Mr. CAMPBELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Pets on Trains Act  
5 of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMTRAK POLICY FOR PASSENGERS TRANSPORTING**  
7 **DOMESTICATED CATS AND DOGS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, Amtrak shall propose

1 a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domes-  
2 ticated cats or dogs on certain trains operated by Amtrak.

3 (b) PET POLICY.—In the proposal required under  
4 subsection (a), Amtrak shall—

5 (1) designate, where feasible, at least one car of  
6 each passenger train that is comprised of more than  
7 one car in which a ticketed passenger may transport  
8 a domesticated cat or dog in the same manner as  
9 carry-on baggage if—

10 (A) the cat or dog is contained in a pet  
11 kennel;

12 (B) the pet kennel can be stowed in ac-  
13 cordance with Amtrak size requirements for  
14 carriage of carry-on baggage;

15 (C) the passenger is ticketed for traveling  
16 a distance less than 750 miles; and

17 (D) the passenger pays a fee described in  
18 subsection (c); and

19 (2) allow ticketed passengers to transport do-  
20 mesticated cats or dogs in the same manner as cargo  
21 if—

22 (A) the cat or dog is contained in a pet  
23 kennel;

1           (B) the pet kennel can be stowed in ac-  
2           cordance with Amtrak requirements for cargo  
3           stowage;

4           (C) the passenger is ticketed for traveling  
5           a distance less than 750 miles;

6           (D) the cargo area is temperature con-  
7           trolled in a manner protective of dog and cat  
8           health; and

9           (E) the passenger pays a fee described in  
10          subsection (c).

11         (c) FEE COLLECTION.—Under the pet policy de-  
12         scribed in subsection (b), Amtrak shall collect a fee for  
13         each cat or dog transported by a ticketed passenger in  
14         an amount that, at a minimum, covers the costs of admin-  
15         istration of the policy.

16         (d) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—

17           (1) SERVICE ANIMALS.—The proposal required  
18           under subsection (a) shall be separate from and in  
19           addition to the policy governing Amtrak passengers  
20           traveling with service animals. Nothing in this sec-  
21           tion may be interpreted to limit or waive the rights  
22           of passengers to transport service animals.

1           (2) ADDITIONAL TRAIN CARS.—Nothing in this  
2           section may be interpreted to require Amtrak to add  
3           additional train cars or modify existing train cars.

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