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# H. R. 5292

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2019

Mrs. WAGNER (for herself and Mr. BROWN of Maryland) 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 “Fly Together Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. POLICY ON FAMILIES FLYING WITH YOUNG CHIL-**  
6 **DREN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
9 tation shall establish a policy directing all air carriers pro-

1 viding scheduled passenger interstate or intrastate air  
2 transportation to establish policies that enable a child, who  
3 is age 13 or under on the date an applicable flight is  
4 scheduled to occur, to be seated in a seat adjacent to the  
5 seat of an accompanying family member over the age of  
6 13, to the maximum extent practicable and at no addi-  
7 tional cost, except when assignment to an adjacent seat  
8 would—

9 (1) require an upgrade to—

10 (A) another cabin class;

11 (B) a seat with extra legroom; or

12 (C) seat pitch for which additional pay-  
13 ment is normally required; or

14 (2) violate safety guidelines.

15 (b) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Notwithstanding  
16 the requirement in subsection (a), nothing in this section  
17 may be construed to allow the Secretary to impose a sig-  
18 nificant change in the overall seating or boarding policy  
19 of an air carrier providing scheduled passenger interstate  
20 or intrastate air transportation that has an open or flexi-  
21 ble seating policy in place that generally allows adjacent  
22 family seating as described in subsection (a).

1       (c) DEFINITION OF AIR CARRIER.—In this section,  
2 the term “air carrier” has the meaning given the term  
3 in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

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