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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
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4 This Act may be cited as the “Comfortable and Fair
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SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT LAVATORIES AND BAGGAGE REFUNDS.

(a) In General.—Subchapter I of chapter 417 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 41725. Aircraft lavatories.

“(a) Prohibition on Fee for Use of Lavatory.—An air carrier operating an aircraft in air transportation may not charge an individual with a passenger ticket for such air transportation a fee for the use of a lavatory on such aircraft.

“(b) Prohibition on Change Fee for Air Transportation on Aircraft Without Functioning Lavatory.—If an aircraft operated in air transportation lacks an adequate number (as determined by the Secretary) of functioning lavatories at the time of boarding of such aircraft, the air carrier operating such aircraft shall permit an individual with a passenger ticket for such air transportation to select alternative equivalent air transportation operated by such carrier without charging such individual an additional fee.

“§ 41726. Baggage fee refund for delayed baggage.

With respect to an individual with a passenger ticket for air transportation, the air carrier providing such air transportation shall refund to such individual any fee imposed on such individual for baggage transported on such
air transportation if such baggage does not arrive at the
scheduled destination for such baggage before the time
that is two hours after the arrival of such individual at
such destination.”.

(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
Transportation shall issue such regulations as are nec-
essary to carry out the amendment made by subsection
(a).

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
section (a) shall apply with respect to air transportation
that originates on or after the date that is 60 days after
the date that regulations are issued pursuant to subsection
(b).

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

“41725. Aircraft lavatories.
“41726. Baggage fee refund for delayed baggage.”.