

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GAO REPORT ON PET CARRIER POLICIES.**

2 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after  
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
4 of the United States, in collaboration with the Secretary  
5 of Transportation, shall submit to the Committee on  
6 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
7 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
8 and Transportation of the Senate a report on pet carrier  
9 policies and pricing within the transportation industry  
10 that includes recommendations on standardization, trans-  
11 parency, pricing, and ways in which regulations could fos-  
12 ter a more inclusive travel environment that accommo-  
13 dates the needs of pet owners while maintaining safety.

14 (b) EXAMINATION.—In developing the report under  
15 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall examine,  
16 with respect to the 10 largest air carriers with pet poli-  
17 cies—

1           (1) industry-wide discussions and collaboration  
2           to establish uniform pet carrier size and weight re-  
3           quirements, ensuring consistency across all modes of  
4           transportation;

5           (2) ways in which transportation providers com-  
6           municate pet carrier policies and associated fees to  
7           pet owners in advance, allowing such owners to  
8           make informed decisions and plan accordingly;

9           (3) pet carrier fees that reflect the actual costs  
10          incurred by transportation companies, taking into  
11          consideration the average size and weight of common  
12          pet carriers in comparison to the retailed consumer  
13          prices across the different air carriers;

14          (4) how pet pricing and fees models can be  
15          structured similarly to fee models of regular bag-  
16          gage; and

17          (5) how airlines and the Department are sup-  
18          porting public awareness campaigns to educate pet  
19          owners about the existing policies, the rights of such  
20          pet owners, and the best practices for traveling with  
21          pets to ensure the safety and well-being of both ani-  
22          mals and passengers.

