Subtitle E—Coach-Only Airfare for Congress

SEC. 9401. SHORT TITLE.
This subtitle may be cited as the “Coach-Only Airfare for Capitol Hill Act of 2019”.

SEC. 9402. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES FOR AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN COACH-CLASS.

(a) Prohibition.—Except as provided in subsection (b), no funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the official travel expenses of a Member of Congress or other officer or employee of any office in the legislative branch may be used for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations.

(b) Exceptions.—Funds described in subsection (a) may be used for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations for an individual described in
subsection (a) if the use of the funds for such accommoda-
tions would be permitted under sections 301–10.121
through 301–10.125 of title 41 of the Code of Federal
Regulations if the individual were an employee of an agen-
cy which is subject to chapter 301 of such title.

(c) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this sub-
title may be construed to affect any officer or employee
of an office of the legislative branch which, as of the date
of the enactment of this Act, is subject to chapter 301
of title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(d) Definitions.—

(1) Coach-class accommodations.—In this
subtitle, the term “coach-class accommodations”
means the basic class of accommodation by airlines
that is normally the lowest fare offered regardless of
airline terminology used, and (as referred to by air-
lines) may include tourist class or economy class, as
well as single class when the airline offers only one
class of accommodations to all travelers.

(2) Member of Congress.—In this subtitle,
the term “Member of Congress” means a Senator or
a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
missioner to, the Congress.
SEC. 9403. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2020 and each succeeding fiscal year.