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At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 SEC. _____. COMMERCIAL GROUND TRANSPORTATION 2 RATES.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each commercial ground trans-4 portation user of an airport shall be subject to the same 5 rates, fees, rentals. Any and all rates, fees, rentals and 6 other charges imposed on a commercial ground transpor-7 tation user by an airport shall—

- 8 (1) have an essential nexus to a legitimate pub-9 lic purpose;
- 10 (2) be roughly proportionate to the impact the11 physical use has on airport facilities; and
- 12 (3) be no greater than necessary to cover the13 costs of such impact of the physical use.
- 14 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) BURDEN OF PROOF.—When instituting
rates, fees, rentals, and other charges under this section, an airport shall have the burden of proving
that such airport has met the requirements of subsection (a).

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1 (2) COMPARABLE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND 2 CONDITIONS.—Each commercial ground transpor-3 tation user of an airport (e.g., as a courtesy vehicle, 4 commercial user, or any other similar term) shall be 5 subject to such nondiscriminatory and substantially 6 comparable rules, regulations, and conditions and 7 provided equivalent access rights to the airport. 8

(3) CLASSIFICATIONS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—An airport may make 10 reasonable classifications between users of the 11 airport, but any classification not rationally re-12 lated to the safe operation of the airport, such 13 as those classifications based on presumed ben-14 efits derived, degree of economic harm to the 15 airport, or anti-competitive motives, shall be 16 deemed unreasonable.

17 (B) ABILITY TO COMPETE.—Neither the 18 rules, regulations, and conditions applicable, or 19 the access rights provided, to a commercial 20 ground transportation user of an airport should 21 in purpose or effect impede, prevent, restrict, or 22 distort such commercial ground transportation 23 user of an airport's ability to compete with any 24 other users (including users controlled by the 1

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airport) without a reasonable justification that benefits the public interest.

3 (C) WITHHOLDING OF CLASSIFICATION.— 4 Classification or status as a specific type of 5 commercial ground transportation user shall 6 not be unreasonably withheld by any airport 7 provided a commercial ground transportation 8 user assumes obligations substantially like those 9 already imposed on other commercial ground 10 transportation users in such classification or 11 status.

12 (c) REPORT.—An airport shall provide to the Admin-13 istrator of the Federal Aviation Administration a report 14 if such airport is unable to accommodate requests by any 15 users seeking access to the airport to provide ground 16 transportation services or expand ground transportation 17 services. Such report shall include the following:

18 (1) A summary of the request.

19 (2) An explanation why the request was denied20 by the airport.

21 (3) A timeframe of when the airport will be able22 to accommodate the request, if any.

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