

AMENDMENT
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At the end of division E, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . JOINT TASK FORCE ON AIR TRAVEL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Sec-
5 retary of Health and Human Services shall establish a
6 Joint Task Force on Air Travel During and After the
7 COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (in this section re-
8 ferred to as the “Joint Task Force”).

9 (b) DUTIES.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Task Force shall
11 develop recommended requirements, plans, and
12 guidelines to address the health, safety, security, and
13 logistical issues relating to the continuation of air
14 travel during the COVID-19 Public Health Emer-
15 gency, and with respect to the resumption of full op-
16 erations at airports and increased passenger air
17 travel after the COVID-19 Public Health Emer-
18 gency ends. The Joint Task Force shall develop, at
19 a minimum, recommended requirements, plans, and

1 guidelines, as appropriate, with respect to each of
2 the applicable periods described in paragraph (2)
3 for—

4 (A) reforming airport, air carrier, security,
5 and other passenger air travel-related oper-
6 ations, including passenger queuing, passenger
7 security screening, boarding, deplaning, and
8 baggage handling procedures, as a result of—

9 (i) current and anticipated changes to
10 passenger air travel during the COVID–19
11 Public Health Emergency and after that
12 emergency ends; and

13 (ii) anticipated changes to passenger
14 air travel as a result of the projected sea-
15 sonal recurrence of the coronavirus;

16 (B) mitigating the public health and eco-
17 nomic impacts of the COVID–19 Public Health
18 Emergency and the projected seasonal recur-
19 rence of the coronavirus on airports and pas-
20 senger air travel, including through the use of
21 personal protective equipment for passengers
22 and employees, the implementation of strategies
23 to promote overall passenger and employee safe-
24 ty, and the accomodation of social distancing,
25 as necessary;

1 (C) addressing the privacy and civil liberty
2 concerns created by passenger health
3 screenings, contact-tracing, or any other proc-
4 ess for monitoring the health of individuals en-
5 gaged in health travel; and

6 (D) operating procedures to manage future
7 public health crises affecting air travel.

8 (2) APPLICABLE PERIODS.—For purposes of
9 paragraph (1), the applicable periods are the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) The period beginning with the date of
12 the first meeting of the Joint Task Force and
13 ending with the date on which the COVID–19
14 Public Health Emergency ends.

15 (B) The 1-year period beginning on the
16 day after the period described in subparagraph
17 (A) ends.

18 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the rec-
20 ommended requirements, plans, and guidelines
21 under subsection (b), and prior to including them in
22 the final report required under subsection (f)(2), the
23 Joint Task Force shall—

1 (A) consider the consensus recommenda-
2 tions of the Advisory Committee established
3 under subsection (e);

4 (B) conduct cost-benefit evaluations;

5 (C) consider funding constraints; and

6 (D) use risk-based decision-making.

7 (2) INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION.—The
8 Joint Task Force shall consult, as practicable, with
9 relevant international entities and operators, includ-
10 ing the International Civil Aviation Organization, to-
11 wards the goal of maximizing the harmonization of
12 recommended requirements, plans, and guidelines
13 for air travel during and after the COVID–19 Public
14 Health Emergency.

15 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—

16 (1) CHAIR.—The Secretary of Transportation
17 (or the Secretary’s designee) shall serve as the Chair
18 of the Joint Task Force.

19 (2) VICE CHAIR.—The Secretary of Health and
20 Human Services (or the Secretary’s designee) shall
21 serve as Vice Chair of the Joint Task Force.

22 (3) OTHER MEMBERS.—In addition to the
23 Chair and Vice Chair, the members of the Joint
24 Task Force shall include representatives of the fol-
25 lowing:

1 (A) The Department of Transportation.

2 (B) The Department of Homeland Secu-
3 rity.

4 (C) The Department of Health and
5 Human Services.

6 (D) The Federal Aviation Administration.

7 (E) The Transportation Security Adminis-
8 tration.

9 (F) United States Customs and Border
10 Protection.

11 (G) The Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention.

13 (H) The Occupational Safety and Health
14 Administration.

15 (I) The National Institute for Occupational
16 Safety and Health.

17 (J) The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
18 Safety Administration.

19 (K) The Department of State.

20 (L) The Environmental Protection Agency.

21 (e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 15 days
23 after the date on which the Joint Task Force is es-
24 tablished under subsection (a), the Secretary of
25 Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services, shall establish a Joint Federal Ad-
3 visory Committee to advise the Joint Task Force (in
4 this section referred to as the “Advisory Com-
5 mittee”).

6 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of the Advi-
7 sory Committee shall include representatives of the
8 following:

9 (A) Airport operators designated by the
10 Secretary of Transportation in consultation
11 with the Secretary of Homeland Security.

12 (B) Air carriers designated by the Sec-
13 retary of Transportation in consultation with
14 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

15 (C) Aircraft and aviation manufacturers
16 designated by the Secretary of Transportation.

17 (D) Labor organizations representing avia-
18 tion industry workers, including pilots, flight at-
19 tendants, maintenance, mechanics, air traffic
20 controllers, and safety inspectors, designated by
21 the Secretary of Transportation.

22 (E) Public health experts designated by
23 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

24 (F) Consumers and air passenger rights
25 organizations designated by the Secretary of

1 Transportation in consultation with Secretary
2 of Homeland Security.

3 (G) Privacy and civil liberty organizations
4 designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.
5 rity.

6 (H) Manufacturers and integrators of air
7 passenger screening and identity verification
8 technologies designated by the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security.

10 (I) Trade associations representing air car-
11 riers, including, major air carriers, low cost car-
12 riers, regional air carriers, cargo air carriers,
13 and foreign air carriers, designated by the Sec-
14 retary of Transportation in consultation with the
15 Secretary of Homeland Security.

16 (J) Trade associations representing airport
17 operators designated by the Secretary of Trans-
18 portation in consultation with the Secretary of
19 Homeland Security.

20 (3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the member-
21 ship of the Advisory Committee shall not affect its
22 responsibilities, but shall be filled in the same man-
23 ner as the original appointment and in accordance
24 with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
25 App.).

1 (4) DUTIES.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Com-
3 mittee shall develop and submit policy rec-
4 ommendations to the Joint Task Force regard-
5 ing the recommended requirements, plans, and
6 guidelines to be developed by the Joint Task
7 Force under subsection (b).

8 (B) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 14
9 days after the date on which the Advisory Com-
10 mittee submits policy recommendations to the
11 Joint Task Force in accordance with subpara-
12 graph (A), the Secretary of Transportation
13 shall publish the policy recommendations on a
14 publicly accessible website.

15 (5) PROHIBITION ON COMPENSATION.—The
16 members of the Advisory Committee shall not re-
17 ceive any compensation from the Federal Govern-
18 ment by reason of their service on the Advisory
19 Committee.

20 (f) BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.—

21 (1) PRELIMINARY BRIEFINGS.—As soon as
22 practicable, but not later than 6 months after the
23 establishment of the Joint Task Force, the Joint
24 Task Force shall begin providing preliminary brief-
25 ings for Congress on the status of the development

1 of the recommended requirements, plans, and guide-
2 lines under subsection (b). The preliminary briefings
3 shall include interim versions, if any, of the Joint
4 Task Force’s recommendations.

5 (2) FINAL REPORT.—

6 (A) DEADLINE.—As soon as practicable,
7 but not later than 18 months after the date of
8 enactment of this Act, the Joint Task Force
9 shall submit to Congress a final report.

10 (B) CONTENT.—The final report under
11 subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

12 (i) All of the recommended require-
13 ments, plans, and guidelines developed by
14 the Joint Task Force.

15 (ii) A description of any actions taken
16 by the Federal Government as a result of
17 such recommendations.

18 (g) TERMINATION.—The Joint Task Force and Advi-
19 sory Committee shall terminate 30 days after the date on
20 which the Joint Task Force submits the final report re-
21 quired under subsection (f)(2).

22 (h) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
23 “COVID–19 Public Health Emergency” means the public
24 health emergency first declared on January 31, 2020, by
25 the Secretary of Health and Human Services under sec-

1 tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
2 247d) with respect to COVID-19 and includes any re-
3 newal of such declaration pursuant to such section 319.

