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H. R. 4980

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2021

Mr. TORRES of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AIR TRANSPORTATION VACCINATION RE-**
4 **QUIREMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
6 rity, acting through the Administrator of the Transpor-
7 tation Security Administration, shall take such actions as

1 are necessary to ensure that any individual traveling on
2 a flight that departs from or arrives to an airport inside
3 the United States or a territory of the United States is
4 fully vaccinated against COVID–19.

5 (b) EXCEPTION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
6 Secretary shall ensure there is an exception to the require-
7 ment described in such subsection for an individual who
8 is ineligible or medically unable to be fully vaccinated
9 against COVID–19.

10 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “fully vac-
11 cinated against COVID–19” means receiving all rec-
12 ommended doses of a COVID–19 vaccine that is licensed
13 under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42
14 U.S.C. 262) or authorized for emergency use under sec-
15 tion 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
16 (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–3).

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