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# H. R. 3743

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Airline Freeze of As-  
5 tronomical Increases in Rates Act” or the “AirFAIR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCESSIVE AVIATION TICKET PRICE INCREASES**  
2 **DURING DISASTERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 41712 of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(d) EXCESSIVE TICKET PRICE INCREASES DURING  
7 DISASTERS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be an unfair or de-  
9 ceptive practice under subsection (a) for any ticket  
10 agent, air carrier, foreign air carrier, or other person  
11 offering to sell tickets for air transportation to im-  
12 pose an excessive increase in the price of such tick-  
13 ets in circumstances related to a disaster or emer-  
14 gency.

15 “(2) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue  
16 regulations to establish standards for determining  
17 whether an increase in a ticket price is excessive for  
18 purposes of paragraph (1). At a minimum, the  
19 standards shall ensure that an increase of 30 per-  
20 cent or more is treated as being excessive.

21 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term  
22 ‘disaster’ or ‘emergency’ means a disaster or emer-  
23 gency as declared by a State, the District of Colum-  
24 bia, or a territory or possession of the United  
25 States.”.

26 (b) UNFAIR TICKET PRICING PRACTICES.—

1           (1) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Federal  
2           Aviation Administration shall conduct a study on  
3           whether any ticket agent, air carrier, foreign air car-  
4           rier, or other person offering to sell tickets for air  
5           transportation has engaged in unfair practices in the  
6           sale of such tickets in circumstances related to a dis-  
7           aster or emergency.

8           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
9           date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
10          shall submit to Congress a report on the results of  
11          the study.

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