

HOUSE BILL 639

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CF SB 505

By: ~~Delegate Charkoudian~~ Delegates Charkoudian, Allen, Behler, Foley, Lewis, and Stein

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Aviation – Passenger Health and Safety**
3 **(Aviation Health and Safety Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the Maryland Aviation Administration to develop certain~~
5 ~~passenger forms for aircraft traveling with detained individuals; requiring the flight~~
6 ~~crew on each aircraft to distribute and collect certain forms; requiring certain~~
7 ~~aeronautical service providers to confirm that certain forms are on board an aircraft~~
8 ~~before providing service to the aircraft~~ that service a flight with detained individuals
9 to request to see a warrant for the detained individual, and to note whether there is
10 a warrant and the type of warrant; requiring certain aeronautical service providers
11 to compile, and a member of each flight crew to sign, compile and submit to the
12 Administration certain reports; prohibiting certain agreements with airlines that
13 transport detained individuals unless certain information is provided; prohibiting
14 the refueling of an aircraft if an individual on board is in any kind of restraint;
15 requiring that a restrained individual who is removed from an aircraft to refuel the
16 aircraft be provided certain services; and generally relating to health and safety of
17 aircraft passengers.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 5–101(a) and (b)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY adding to
 2 Article – Transportation
 3 Section ~~5–107, 5–108, and 5–1010~~ 5–107
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

6 Preamble

7 WHEREAS, In the event of an emergency that occurs at an airport facility, the
 8 State’s fire, rescue, and emergency medical services, as well as the State’s health care
 9 systems, are tasked with responding to these emergencies, and as such the responders and
 10 health care systems require medical information about potential patients; now, therefore,

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 5–101.

15 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (b) “Administration” means the Maryland Aviation Administration.

17 **5–107.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
 19 INDICATED.

20 (2) ~~“AERONAUTICAL SERVICES” INCLUDES:~~

21 ~~(I) FUELING, HANGARING, TYING DOWN, OR PARKING AN~~
 22 ~~AIRCRAFT;~~

23 ~~(II) AIRCRAFT RENTAL;~~

24 ~~(III) AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE; AND~~

25 ~~(IV) FLIGHT INSTRUCTION.~~

26 ~~(3)~~ “AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY” MEANS A SINGLE-SERVICE FIXED
 27 BASE OPERATOR (FBO) THAT OFFERS SPECIALIZED AERONAUTICAL SERVICES.

28 ~~(4)~~ (3) (I) “DETAINED INDIVIDUAL” MEANS A PASSENGER WHO
 29 IS TRAVELING INVOLUNTARILY OR WHILE BEING HELD IN ANY KIND OF RESTRAINT.

(II) “DETAINED INDIVIDUAL” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. A PASSENGER WHO IS USING A SEAT BELT THAT IS STANDARD EQUIPMENT ON THE AIRCRAFT; OR

2. A CHILD PASSENGER IN A CHILD SAFETY SEAT.

~~(5) (4)~~ “FIXED BASE OPERATOR” OR “FBO” MEANS A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS THAT AN AIRPORT HAS GRANTED THE RIGHT TO:

(I) OPERATE AT AN AIRPORT FACILITY; AND

(II) PROVIDE AERONAUTICAL SERVICES.

~~(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO AN AIRCRAFT TRAVELING WITH A DETAINED INDIVIDUAL.~~

~~(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP A FORM TO BE USED FOR ANY PASSENGER ON AN AIRCRAFT WHO IS A DETAINED INDIVIDUAL THAT:~~

~~(1) COLLECTS INFORMATION ON:~~

~~(I) THE INDIVIDUAL’S MEDICAL HISTORY, INCLUDING:~~

~~1. ALLERGIES;~~

~~2. CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS; AND~~

~~3. MEDICATIONS; AND~~

~~(II) THE INDIVIDUAL’S LEGAL HISTORY, INCLUDING:~~

~~1. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE INDIVIDUAL’S ATTORNEY; AND~~

~~2. ANY PENDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS;~~

~~(2) IDENTIFIES WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IS A MINOR AND, IF SO, PROVIDES GUARDIANSHIP INFORMATION IF THE GUARDIAN IS NOT ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT;~~

~~(3) STATES THAT THE FORMS WILL BE REVIEWED BY AN FBO OR AN AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY AND, IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, SHARED WITH EMERGENCY RESPONDERS;~~

~~(4) INFORMS THE INDIVIDUAL THAT COMPLETION OF THE FORM IS VOLUNTARY; AND~~

~~(5) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CHOOSES NOT TO COMPLETE THE FORM, CONTAINS A SPACE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TO AFFIRMATIVELY INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE SEEN THE FORM AND ARE CHOOSING NOT TO COMPLETE THE FORM.~~

~~(D) COPIES OF THE FORM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:~~

~~(1) KEPT ON BOARD EACH AIRCRAFT; AND~~

~~(2) IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PROVIDED TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OR HOSPITALS IN THE STATE.~~

~~(E) THE FLIGHT CREW ON EACH AIRCRAFT SHALL DISTRIBUTE AND COLLECT THE FORMS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION FROM EACH DETAINED PASSENGER ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT.~~

~~(F) BEFORE PROVIDING SERVICE TO AN AIRCRAFT, EACH FBO OR AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY SHALL INSPECT THE AIRCRAFT TO CONFIRM THAT THE FORMS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION ARE ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT.~~

(B) IF AN FBO OR AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY SERVICES A FLIGHT WITH A DETAINED INDIVIDUAL ON BOARD, THE FBO OR AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY SHALL:

(1) REQUEST TO SEE THE WARRANT THAT AUTHORIZES THE TRANSPORT OF THE DETAINED INDIVIDUAL; AND

(2) NOTE WHETHER THERE IS A WARRANT, AND WHETHER THE WARRANT IS A JUDICIAL WARRANT OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT.

~~(C)~~ (C) (1) EACH FBO OR AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY SHALL:

~~(1) COMPILER A REPORT THAT DOCUMENTS, FOR EACH AIRCRAFT TRAVELING WITH A DETAINED INDIVIDUAL;~~

1 ~~1. THE AGENCY OR COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE~~
2 ~~AIRCRAFT;~~

3 ~~2. THE PRESENCE OF THE FORMS DESCRIBED IN~~
4 ~~SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

5 ~~3. COMPLIANCE WITH § 5 1010 OF THIS TITLE;~~
6 ~~DOCUMENTS:~~

7 (I) THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS:

8 1. THE FBO OR AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY SERVICED
9 THAT HAD A DETAINED INDIVIDUAL ON BOARD;

10 2. THAT HAD A JUDICIAL WARRANT FOR ALL DETAINED
11 INDIVIDUALS ON BOARD;

12 3. THAT HAD A JUDICIAL WARRANT AND AN
13 ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT FOR DETAINED INDIVIDUALS ON BOARD;

14 4. THAT HAD DETAINED INDIVIDUALS ON BOARD AND
15 WERE REFUELED WITH DETAINED INDIVIDUALS ON BOARD; AND

16 5. WHERE THE DETAINED INDIVIDUALS WERE REMOVED
17 FROM THE PLANE DURING REFUELING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUELING SAFETY;
18 AND

19 (II) ANY FLIGHT THAT DOES NOT HAVE A WARRANT FOR
20 DETAINED INDIVIDUALS ON BOARD; AND

21 ~~(H) (2)~~ SUBMIT MONTHLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION THE
22 REPORTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

23 ~~(2) A MEMBER OF EACH FLIGHT CREW AND FBO OR AVIATION~~
24 ~~SERVICE COMPANY SHALL SIGN EACH REPORT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF~~
25 ~~THIS SUBSECTION.~~

26 ~~5-108.~~

27 (A) (1) ~~IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
28 ~~INDICATED.~~

29 (2) ~~“AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §~~
30 ~~5-107 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

1 ~~(3) "DETAINED INDIVIDUAL" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-107~~
2 ~~OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

3 ~~(4) "FIXED-BASE OPERATOR" OR "FBO" HAS THE MEANING STATED~~
4 ~~IN § 5-107 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

5 ~~(5) "PERSON" INCLUDES:~~

6 ~~(I) THE STATE;~~

7 ~~(II) A COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER~~
8 ~~POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; AND~~

9 ~~(III) A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR A POLITICAL~~
10 ~~SUBDIVISION.~~

11 ~~(B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, GRANT, OR OTHER~~
12 ~~AGREEMENT WITH AN AIRLINE THAT TRANSPORTS DETAINED INDIVIDUALS UNLESS~~
13 ~~THE AIRLINE PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF:~~

14 ~~(1) A VALID WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL COURT OR COURT OF~~
15 ~~THE STATE;~~

16 ~~(2) A VALID COURT ORDER; OR~~

17 ~~(3) THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXTRADITION OF THE~~
18 ~~DETAINED INDIVIDUAL TO ANOTHER STATE.~~

19 ~~(C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, GRANT, OR~~
20 ~~OTHER AGREEMENT WITH AN FBO OR AN AVIATION SERVICE COMPANY THAT~~
21 ~~SERVICES AIRLINES THAT TRANSPORT DETAINED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH~~
22 ~~BALTIMORE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT~~
23 ~~UNLESS THE AIRLINE PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF:~~

24 ~~(1) A VALID WARRANT ISSUED BY A FEDERAL COURT OR COURT OF~~
25 ~~THE STATE;~~

26 ~~(2) A VALID COURT ORDER; OR~~

27 ~~(3) THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXTRADITION OF THE~~
28 ~~DETAINED INDIVIDUAL TO ANOTHER STATE.~~

1 ~~5-1010.~~

2 (A) ~~AN AIRCRAFT MAY NOT BE REFUELED IF AN INDIVIDUAL ON BOARD THE~~
3 ~~AIRCRAFT IS IN ANY KIND OF RESTRAINT.~~

4 (B) ~~IF A RESTRAINED INDIVIDUAL IS REMOVED FROM AN AIRCRAFT FOR~~
5 ~~THE AIRCRAFT TO REFUEL, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL:~~

6 (1) ~~BE PLACED IN A CLIMATE CONTROLLED ENCLOSURE; AND~~

7 (2) ~~HAVE ACCESS TO RESTROOMS AND WATER.~~

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.