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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Fly Pet Exception for  
5       Traveling Swiftly Act” or the “Fly PETS Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FLY AMERICA ACT EXCEPTION.**

7       Section 40118 of title 49, United States Code, is  
8       amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(h) CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION OF DOMESTICATED  
2 ANIMALS.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-  
4 sections (a) and (c), an appropriation to any depart-  
5 ment, agency, or instrumentality of the United  
6 States Government may be used to pay for the  
7 transportation of Federal personnel, dependent of  
8 the Federal personnel, and in-cabin or accompanying  
9 checked baggage or cargo, by a foreign air carrier  
10 when—

11               “(A) the transportation is from a place—

12                       “(i) outside the United States to a  
13 place in the United States;

14                       “(ii) in the United States to a place  
15 outside the United States; or

16                       “(iii) between two places outside the  
17 United States; and

18               “(B) no air carrier holding a certificate  
19 under section 41102 is willing and able to  
20 transport up to three domesticated animals ac-  
21 companying such Federal personnel or depend-  
22 ent.

23               “(2) LIMITATION.—An amount paid pursuant  
24 to paragraph (1) for transportation by a foreign air  
25 carrier may not be greater than the amount that

1 would otherwise have been paid had the transpor-  
2 tation been on an air carrier holding a certificate  
3 under section 41102 had that carrier been willing  
4 and able to provide such transportation. If the  
5 amount that would otherwise have been paid to such  
6 an air carrier is less than the cost of transportation  
7 on the applicable foreign air carrier, the Federal  
8 personnel shall pay the difference of such amount.

9 “(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:

10 “(A) DOMESTICATED ANIMAL.—The term  
11 ‘domesticated animal’ means a dog or a cat, or  
12 any other animal the Secretary deems appro-  
13 priate for reimbursement under this section.

14 “(B) FEDERAL PERSONNEL.—The term  
15 ‘Federal personnel’ means any officer or em-  
16 ployee of the United States Government, includ-  
17 ing any member of the uniformed services (as  
18 that term is defined in section 2101 of title 5),  
19 the Foreign Service, and any Peace Corp volun-  
20 teer.

21 “(C) PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.—The  
22 term ‘Peace Corps volunteer’ means an indi-  
23 vidual described in section 5(a) of the Peace  
24 Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504(a)).”.