

H.R. 4

**MANAGER'S AMENDMENT: Strengthening Safety, Passenger Protections & Infrastructure Investment****OVERVIEW:**

The Shuster manager's amendment to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 4) provides a number of additional reforms and improvements to the introduced bill. The amendment will further improve aviation safety, increase airport infrastructure investment, strengthen consumer protections, address the issue of sexual misconduct on flights, and more.

**ADDRESSING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ON PLANES:**

- This amendment will enhance the training of flight attendants so they are better equipped to deal with sexual misconduct when reported by a passenger.
- It will also establish a working group to develop best practices for how to address sexual misconduct on flights, improve airline employee training, and set protocols for when and how to notify law enforcement.

**IMPROVING AIR TRAVEL FOR DISABLED AMERICANS:**

- It establishes an "Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights" to clarify the rights of passengers with disabilities and the responsibilities of airlines and airports.
- The amendment also strengthens the civil penalties for violations that involve injury to a passenger with a disability or damage to the passenger's wheelchair or other mobility aid.
- Finally, this amendment will make it better for both passengers and service animals by harmonizing standards. This will provide much needed clarity in an area where there is real confusion.

**IMPROVING AVIATION SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Requires the FAA to initiate a Call to Action to review and address airline engine safety.
- The amendment also requires a "deep-dive" study of general aviation safety.
- The amendment authorizes additional investment in our aviation infrastructure and revises the FAA authorization levels to reflect updated CBO baselines.
- In response to drone sightings around airports, the amendment makes counter-drone systems AIP eligible.
- It makes improvements to the Airport Investment Partnership Program so that we can leverage private sector money for our airport infrastructure needs.