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# S. 1459

To prohibit air carriers from charging a fee for the transportation of checked baggage by members of the Armed Forces traveling to or from an overseas contingency operation.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2011

Mr. BAUCUS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Four Free Bags for  
5 Freedom Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BAGGAGE FEES PROHIBITED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier (as defined in sec-  
8 tion 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code) may not

1 charge any fee for the transport of 4 or fewer items of  
2 baggage checked by a member of the Armed Forces if such  
3 member—

4           (1) is traveling in scheduled air transportation  
5           on official military orders; and

6           (2) is being deployed on, or returning from, an  
7           overseas contingency operation.

8           (b) LIMITATION.—As used in subsection (a), the term  
9 “item of baggage” does not include any item that weighs  
10 more than 80 pounds.

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