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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Guard, Re-
3 serve, ‘Gray Area’ Retiree, and Surviving Spouses Space-
4 available Travel Equity Act of 2011”.

5 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF RESERVE MEMBERS, GRAY AREA**
6 **RETIREES, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF RE-**
7 **TIRED MEMBERS, AND DEPENDENTS FOR**
8 **SPACE-AVAILABLE TRAVEL ON MILITARY AIR-**
9 **CRAFT.**

10 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 157 of title 10,
12 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
13 section 2641b the following new section:

14 **“§ 2641c. Space-available travel on Department of De-**
15 **fense aircraft: reserve members, reserve**
16 **members eligible for retired pay but for**
17 **age; widows and widowers of retired**
18 **members; and dependents**

19 “(a) RESERVE MEMBERS.—A member of a reserve
20 component holding a valid Uniformed Services Identifica-
21 tion and Privilege Card shall be provided transportation
22 on Department of Defense aircraft, on a space-available
23 basis.

24 “(b) RESERVE RETIREES UNDER APPLICABLE ELI-
25 GIBILITY AGE.—A member or former member of a reserve
26 component who, but for being under the eligibility age ap-

1 plicable to the member under section 12731 of this title,
 2 otherwise would be eligible for retired pay under chapter
 3 1223 of this title shall be provided transportation on De-
 4 partment of Defense aircraft, on a space-available basis.

5 “(c) WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF RETIRED MEM-
 6 BERS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An unremarried widow or
 8 widower of a member of the armed forces described
 9 in paragraph (2) shall be provided transportation on
 10 Department of Defense aircraft, on a space-available
 11 basis.

12 “(2) MEMBERS COVERED.—A member of the
 13 armed forces referred to in paragraph (1) is a mem-
 14 ber who—

15 “(A) is entitled to retired pay;

16 “(B) is described in subsection (b);

17 “(C) dies in the line of duty while on active
 18 duty and is not eligible for retired pay; or

19 “(D) in the case of a member of a reserve
 20 component, dies as a result of a line of duty
 21 condition and is not eligible for retired pay.

22 “(d) DEPENDENTS.—A dependent of a member or
 23 former member described in subsection (a) or (b) or of
 24 an unremarried widow or widower described in subsection
 25 (c) holding a valid Uniformed Services Identification and

1 Privilege Card shall be provided transportation on Depart-
2 ment of Defense aircraft, on a space-available basis, if the
3 dependent is accompanying the member.

4 “(e) SCOPE.—Space-available travel required by this
5 section includes travel to and from locations within and
6 outside the continental United States.

7 “(f) DEFINITION OF DEPENDENT.—In this section,
8 the term ‘dependent’ has the meaning given that term in
9 section 1072 of this title.”.

10 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
11 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
12 by inserting after the item relating to section 2641b
13 the following new item:

“2641c. Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: reserve mem-
bers, reserve members eligible for retired pay but for age; wid-
ows and widowers of retired members; and dependents.”.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
15 prescribe regulations to implement section 2641c of title
16 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

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