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# H. R. 147

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JONES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Congressional Foreign  
5 Travel Cost Disclosure Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION AND DISCLOSURE OF TRANSPOR-**  
2 **TATION COSTS INCURRED BY SECRETARY OF**  
3 **DEFENSE FOR CONGRESSIONAL TRIPS OUT-**  
4 **SIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) DETERMINATION AND DISCLOSURE OF COSTS BY  
6 SECRETARY.—In the case of a trip taken by a Member,  
7 officer, or employee of the House of Representatives or  
8 Senate in carrying out official duties outside the United  
9 States for which the Department of Defense provides  
10 transportation, the Secretary of Defense shall—

11 (1) determine the cost of the transportation  
12 provided with respect to the Member, officer, or em-  
13 ployee;

14 (2) not later than 10 days after completion of  
15 the trip involved, provide a written statement of the  
16 cost—

17 (A) to the Member, officer, or employee in-  
18 volved, and

19 (B) to the Committee on Armed Services  
20 of the House of Representatives (in the case of  
21 a trip taken by a Member, officer, or employee  
22 of the House) or the Committee on Armed  
23 Services of the Senate (in the case of a trip  
24 taken by a Member, officer, or employee of the  
25 Senate); and

1           (3) upon providing a written statement under  
2           paragraph (2), make the statement available for  
3           viewing on the Secretary’s official public website  
4           until the expiration of the 4-year period which be-  
5           gins on the final day of the trip involved.

6           (b) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not apply with  
7           respect to any trip the sole purpose of which is to visit  
8           one or more United States military installations or to visit  
9           United States military personnel in a war zone (or both).

10          (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11           (1) MEMBER.—The term “Member”, with re-  
12           spect to the House of Representatives, includes a  
13           Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

14           (2) UNITED STATES.—The term “United  
15           States” means the several States, the District of Co-  
16           lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Com-  
17           monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the  
18           Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and any  
19           other territory or possession of the United States.

20   **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21           Section 2 shall apply with respect to trips taken on  
22           or after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that  
23           section 2 does not apply with respect to any trip which  
24           began prior to such date.

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