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To allow certain foreign air carriers to stop in Guam or the Northern Mariana Islands in the course of transportation of passengers or cargo in either direction between a place in the United States and a place outside the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2024

Mr. MOYLAN (for himself and Mr. SABLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Pacific Island Flight
5 Alternatives Act of 2024” or “PIFAA”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Limited air competition has made flights
2 from Guam to the Commonwealth of Northern Mar-
3 iana Islands or to Hawaii exceedingly expensive.

4 (2) The airports of Antonio B. Won Pat Guam
5 International Airport (IATA: GUM), Francisco C.
6 Ada Saipan International Airport (IATA: SPN),
7 Francisco Manglona Borja Tinian International Air-
8 port (IATA: TIQ), and Benjamin Taisacan
9 Manglona Rota International Airport (IATA: ROP)
10 rely on foreign air carriers for travel.

11 (3) The nations of Japan, Philippines, and the
12 Republic of Korea have been critical allies for the
13 United States within the Indo-Pacific region.

14 (4) The nations of Japan, Philippines, and the
15 Republic of Korea and the air carriers of such na-
16 tions have been vital in supplementing deficiencies of
17 United States air carriers when flying between the
18 United States and other Pacific Islands.

19 **SEC. 3. AIR COMMERCE IN GUAM AND NORTHERN MAR-**
20 **IANA ISLANDS.**

21 Section 41703 of title 49, United States Code, is
22 amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(f) AIR COMMERCE IN GUAM AND NORTHERN MAR-
24 IANA ISLANDS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
2 (c), passengers or cargo added to or removed from
3 an authorized Pacific aircraft at a place in Guam or
4 the Northern Mariana Islands in the course of trans-
5 portation of such passengers or cargo in either direc-
6 tion between a place in the United States and a
7 place outside the United States shall not be deemed
8 to have broken the international journey of such au-
9 thorized Pacific aircraft.

10 “(2) AUTHORIZED PACIFIC AIRCRAFT.—In this
11 subsection, the term ‘authorized Pacific aircraft’
12 means an aircraft registered to a foreign air carrier
13 from Japan, Philippines, or the Republic of Korea
14 that holds a permit under section 41302.”.

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