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AN ACT to amend the general obligations law, in relation to rights of certain airline passengers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The general obligations law is amended by adding a new
2 article 14 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 14

RIGHTS OF CERTAIN AIRLINE PASSENGERS

Section 14-101. Rights of certain airline passengers.

6 § 14-101. Rights of certain airline passengers. Any airline that
7 provides departures from airports located within this state shall offer
8 compensation in accordance with this section to ticketed passengers who
9 voluntarily relinquish their seats on flights that are overbooked, upon
10 the request of airline personnel. Such compensation shall be in addition
11 to rebooking such passenger on another flight to the same final destina-
12 tion. Any ticketed passenger who has voluntarily relinquished his or her
13 seat as provided in this section shall be entitled to minimum monetary
14 compensation from the airline as follows:

15 (a) Such minimum monetary compensation shall initially be made at a
16 rate of fifty percent of the average value of a comparable ticket for
17 the overbooked flight;

18 (b) The airline shall increase the amount of monetary compensation
19 offered by twenty percent of the original offer rounded to the nearest
20 whole number until an adequate number of passengers have voluntarily
21 relinquished their seats for that flight;

22 (c) Any ticketed passenger who has voluntarily relinquished his or her
23 seat shall be entitled to the same compensation, which shall be set at
24 the highest amount offered to any passenger for that flight;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (d) Such monetary compensation may be set at a maximum of six hundred
2 percent of the average value of a comparable ticket for that flight.
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
4 it shall have become a law.