

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 245

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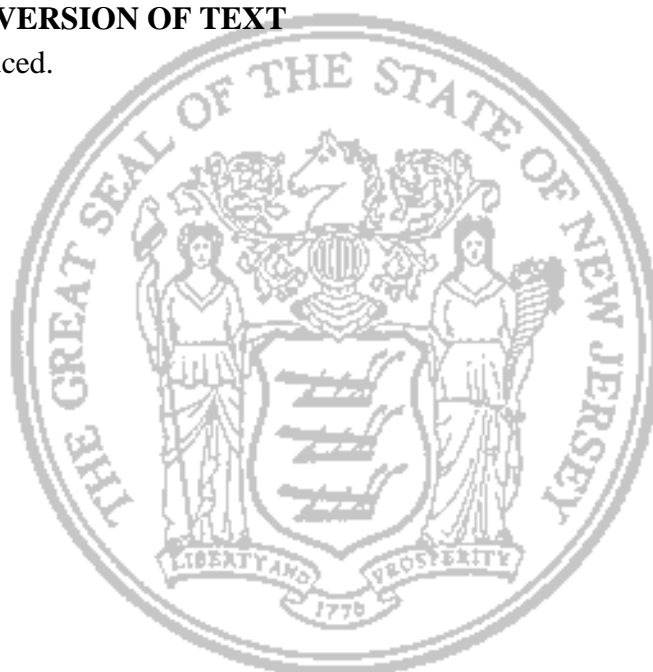
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SYNOPSIS

Urges certain airline companies to change policies to allow passengers to carry breast pumps and breast milk onto aircraft without counting against carry-on limits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging certain airline companies to
2 change policies to allow passengers to carry breast pumps and
3 breast milk onto aircraft without counting the items against
4 carry-on limits.

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6 **WHEREAS**, More than 80 percent of mothers breastfeed their infants
7 during the first six months of the child's life; and

8 **WHEREAS**, No matter the circumstances or location, breastfeeding
9 mothers need to express milk every few hours in order to keep up
10 their milk supply and to prevent infection known as mastitis; and

11 **WHEREAS**, On October 5, 2018, the President of the United States
12 signed into law a five-year reauthorization of the Federal Aviation
13 Administration, which included language that requires airports to
14 provide lactation rooms that are accessible to the public; and

15 **WHEREAS**, In spite of this federal law and laws in all 50 states that
16 specifically allow breastfeeding in any public or private location,
17 breastfeeding mothers have continued to face barriers, even
18 harassment, when breastfeeding or attempting to breastfeed in
19 public places; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) permits
21 breast pumps and breast milk for infants or toddlers in reasonable
22 quantities to pass through the security checkpoint in airports; and

23 **WHEREAS**, TSA also permits ice packs, freezer packs, frozen gel
24 packs, and other accessories required to cool breast milk to pass
25 through the security checkpoint in airports; and

26 **WHEREAS**, In spite of these TSA policies, some airlines still prevent
27 passengers from carrying quantities of breast milk that are
28 acceptable to TSA onto aircraft or prevent breastfeeding mothers
29 from carrying breast pumps onto aircraft by counting breast pumps
30 against the airline's carry-on limits; and

31 **WHEREAS**, These airline policies create barriers for parents to feed
32 infants and toddlers while traveling and create health risks for
33 breastfeeding mothers who are prevented from expressing milk for
34 extended periods of time while traveling; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Due to these airlines policies, passengers have been forced
36 to dump large quantities of breast milk before boarding aircraft and
37 leave behind breast pumps or other carry-on items in order to
38 comply with the airline's carry-on limits; now, therefore,

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
41 Jersey:

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43 1. This House urges certain airline companies to change
44 policies to allow passengers to carry breast pumps and breast milk
45 onto aircraft without counting the items against carry-on limits.

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47 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
48 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the

1 Chief Executive Officer of Star Alliance; the Chief Executive
2 Officer of OneWorld; the Chairperson of SkyTeam; the Chairperson
3 of the National Air Transportation Association; the Chair of the
4 Regional Airline Association; and the Chair of the International Air
5 Transport Association.

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STATEMENT

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10 This resolution urges certain airline companies to change
11 policies to allow passengers to carry breast pumps and breast milk
12 onto aircraft without counting against carry-on limits. More than 80
13 percent of mothers breastfeed their infants during the first six
14 months of the child's life. Breastfeeding mothers need to express
15 their milk every few hours in order to keep up their milk supply and
16 in order to prevent infection known as mastitis.

17 The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) permits
18 breast pumps and breast milk for infants or toddlers in reasonable
19 quantities to pass through the security checkpoint in airports. In
20 spite of these TSA policies, some airlines still prevent passengers
21 from carrying TSA acceptable quantities of breast milk onto aircraft
22 or prevent breastfeeding mothers from carrying breast pumps onto
23 aircraft by counting breast pumps against the airline's carry-on
24 limits. These airline policies create barriers for parents to feed
25 infants and toddlers while traveling and create health risks for
26 breastfeeding mothers who are prevented from expressing milk for
27 extended periods of time while traveling.