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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

This is an excerpt of the **FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012** (H.R. 658, passed by both House and Senate).

SEC. 403. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 417 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 41724. Musical instruments

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“(1) **SMALL INSTRUMENTS AS CARRY-ON BAGGAGE**.—An air carrier providing air transportation shall permit a passenger to carry a violin, guitar, or other musical instrument in the aircraft cabin, without charging the passenger a fee in addition to any standard fee that carrier may require for comparable carry-on baggage, if—

“(A) the instrument can be stowed safely in a suitable baggage compartment in the aircraft cabin or under a passenger seat, in accordance with the requirements for carriage of carry-on baggage or cargo established by the Administrator; and

“(B) there is space for such stowage at the time the passenger boards the aircraft.