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Akerman Partner Mishell Parreno Taylor Opines on Anticipated FAA Reauthorization Act Guidelines for In-Flight Pumping Breaks

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On May 16, President Joe Biden signed into law the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act, which paves the way for in-flight crew members to have the right to express breast milk by requiring the FAA to address safety concerns. Airlines and inflight crew members, who were excluded from protections under the 2022 Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act, or PUMP Act, are set to receive guidance on in-flight pumping breaks from the administration within 180 days.

Labor and Employment Partner Mishell Parreno Taylor spoke with *Law360* about the guidance that will eventually be issued, which she believes will take into account the particular needs and circumstances of airline work, such as different space considerations on larger aircraft for international versus domestic flight.

Parreno Taylor was quoted, "Unlike a situation where you've got an office setting, right, or maybe someone who can take regular breaks and can use a lactation or expressing room, the airline industry has other factors that are in play."

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