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H. R. 3676

To establish a prohibition on certain cell phone voice communications during passenger flights, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2013

Mr. SHUSTER 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 “Prohibiting In-Flight
5 Voice Communications on Mobile Wireless Devices Act of
6 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CELL PHONE VOICE**
2 **COMMUNICATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 417 of
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 **“§ 41725. Prohibition on certain cell phone voice com-**
7 **munications**

8 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation shall issue regulations—

10 “(1) to prohibit an individual on an aircraft
11 from engaging in voice communications using a mo-
12 bile communications device during a flight of that
13 aircraft in scheduled passenger interstate or intra-
14 state air transportation; and

15 “(2) that exempt from the prohibition described
16 in paragraph (1) any—

17 “(A) member of the flight crew on duty on
18 an aircraft;

19 “(B) flight attendant on duty on an air-
20 craft; and

21 “(C) Federal law enforcement officer act-
22 ing in an official capacity.

23 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
24 definitions apply:

25 “(1) FLIGHT.—The term ‘flight’ means, with
26 respect to an aircraft, the period beginning when the

1 aircraft takes off and ending when the aircraft
2 lands.

3 “(2) MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘mobile
5 communications device’ means any portable
6 wireless telecommunications equipment utilized
7 for the transmission or reception of voice data.

8 “(B) LIMITATION.—The term ‘mobile com-
9 munications device’ does not include a phone in-
10 stalled on an aircraft.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
12 ter 417 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
13 inserting after the item relating to section 41724 the fol-
14 lowing:

“41725. Prohibition on certain cell phone voice communications.”.

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