

Union Calendar No. 345

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3676

[Report No. 113-466]

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

MAY 30, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. DEFazio, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COOPER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. NEAL, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. WOMACK, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. HAHN

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CELL PHONE VOICE**
8 **COMMUNICATIONS.**

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

12 **“§ 41725. Prohibition on certain cell phone voice com-**
13 **munications**

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

16 “(1) to prohibit an individual on an aircraft
17 from engaging in voice communications using a mo-
18 bile communications device during a flight of that
19 aircraft in scheduled passenger interstate or intra-
20 state air transportation; and

21 “(2) that exempt from the prohibition described
22 in paragraph (1) any—

23 “(A) member of the flight crew on duty on
24 an aircraft;

1 “(B) flight attendant on duty on an air-
2 craft; and

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

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

7 “(1) FLIGHT.—The term ‘flight’ means, with
8 respect to an aircraft, the period beginning when the
9 aircraft takes off and ending when the aircraft
10 lands.

11 “(2) MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘mobile
13 communications device’ means any portable
14 wireless telecommunications equipment utilized
15 for the transmission or reception of voice data.

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

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

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

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