

*Public Law 118–37
118th Congress

An Act

To provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing
of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Jan. 26, 2024
[S. 3250]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. REMOTE ACCESS TO COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR VICTIMS
OF THE 1988 BOMBING OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103 OVER
LOCKERBIE, SCOTLAND.**

(a) DEFINITION OF VICTIM OF CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
BOMBING OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103.—In this section:

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the term “victim
of crimes associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103”
means any individual—

(A) who suffered direct or proximate harm as a result
of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 that occurred over
Lockerbie, Scotland, on December 21, 1988, and was
present at or near the scene of the bombing when it
occurred, or immediately thereafter; or

(B) who is the spouse, legal guardian, parent, child,
brother, sister, next of kin, or other relative of, or who
is determined by the applicable district court of the United
States to be an individual who possesses a relationship
of similar significance to, an individual described in
subparagraph (A) or an individual otherwise described in
this subsection.

(2) LIMITATION.—The term “victim of crimes associated with
the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103” does not include an indi-
vidual who participated or conspired in the crimes associated
with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of enactment of
this Act, and notwithstanding any provision of the Federal
Rules of Criminal Procedure or other law or rule to the contrary,
in order to permit victims of crimes associated with the bombing
of Pan Am Flight 103 to access court proceedings in the criminal
case against Abu Agila Mohammed Mas’ud Kheir Al-Marimi
and against any co-conspirator subsequently charged and pros-
ecuted in a court of the United States for crimes related to
the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, the district court
of the United States in such a case shall order that reasonable
efforts be made to make remote video and telephonic access
to proceedings in the case available to victims of crimes associ-
ated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Effective date.
Abu Agila
Mohammed
Mas’ud Kheir
Al-Marimi.

*Note: The original slip law was printed without the public law and Congress
numbers. They have been added as indicated above.

(2) NO LIMIT ON LOCATION.—Remote video and telephonic access to proceedings shall be made available under paragraph (1) to a victim of crimes associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 without regard to the location of the victim of crimes associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

(c) DISTRICT COURT DISCRETION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate or limit the discretion of a district court of the United States to control the manner, circumstances, or availability of remote video or telephonic transmissions where necessary to control the courtroom or protect the integrity of court proceedings or the safety of parties, witnesses, or other participants in the proceedings.

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