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To amend title 49, United States Code, to require air carriers to disclose information on aircraft maintenance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GARAMENDI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Aircraft Maintenance
5 Outsourcing Disclosure Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON AIR-**
2 **CRAFT MAINTENANCE.**

3 Chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“§ 44741. Disclosure of information on recent aircraft**
6 **maintenance**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that is 1
8 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Ad-
9 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall
10 require an air carrier providing scheduled passenger or
11 cargo air transportation to disclose publicly the aircraft
12 maintenance practices of the air carrier, as described in
13 this section.

14 “(b) INFORMATION ON PASSENGER AIRCRAFT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier providing
16 scheduled air transportation to passengers shall pro-
17 vide, in the manners described in paragraph (2)—

18 “(A) the specific location where the air-
19 craft providing scheduled air transportation
20 most recently underwent heavy maintenance;
21 and

22 “(B) the date of such maintenance.

23 “(2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The infor-
24 mation described in paragraph (1) shall be promi-
25 nently displayed in clear and plain language and in
26 an easily readable font size on, to the greatest extent

1 practicable, tickets or electronic passenger boarding
2 documents.

3 “(3) FLEET MAINTENANCE FOR SCHEDULED
4 FLIGHTS.—An air carrier providing scheduled air
5 transportation to passengers shall disclose the per-
6 centage of airframes in the fleet of the air carrier
7 typically assigned to each specific route that are
8 maintained in the United States and the percentage
9 of such airframes maintained abroad, including the
10 3 most common countries in which such airframes
11 are maintained abroad, listed by workhours. Such
12 information shall be—

13 “(A) made available, to the greatest extent
14 practicable, on—

15 “(i) the air carrier’s publicly acces-
16 sible website accompanying each scheduled
17 flight;

18 “(ii) the air carrier’s publicly acces-
19 sible website at the point of ticket pur-
20 chase;

21 “(iii) the electronic confirmation of a
22 ticket purchase sent by the air carrier or
23 ticket agent;

24 “(B) communicated clearly prior to the
25 point of ticket purchase on the air carrier tele-

1 phone reservation system, upon request by the
2 passenger and to the greatest extent prac-
3 ticable; and

4 “(C) communicated clearly to an individual
5 purchasing a ticket by an airline representative
6 at a ticket counter, upon request by the pas-
7 senger and to the greatest extent practicable.

8 “(c) GENERAL DISCLOSURE OF HEAVY MAINTENANCE FOR ENTIRE FLEET.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier providing
11 scheduled passenger or cargo air transportation shall
12 display on the publicly accessible website of the air
13 carrier a list of—

14 “(A) all of the specific locations where air-
15 craft in its fleet have undergone heavy mainte-
16 nance in the past 3 years“, listed by total
17 workhours; and

18 “(B) all of the specific locations where
19 heavy maintenance is carried out for the air
20 carrier under an existing contract.

21 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION.—The
22 information described in paragraph (1) shall be—

23 “(A) prominently displayed in clear and
24 plain language and in an easily readable font
25 size; and

1 “(B) updated regularly and appropriately.

2 “(d) ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
4 the date of enactment of this section, and annually
5 thereafter, each air carrier shall submit to the Ad-
6 ministrator (by uploading such information to the
7 online repository established under paragraph (2)) a
8 report containing—

9 “(A) a minimum of 1 year of maintenance
10 history, including line maintenance, for each
11 aircraft that has operated in scheduled pas-
12 senger or cargo air transportation during the
13 previous year;

14 “(B) the percentage and total number of
15 mechanics carrying out maintenance on aircraft
16 for the air carrier during the previous year who
17 are employees and who are not employees of the
18 air carrier;

19 “(C) the percentage and total number of
20 mechanics certified by the Federal Aviation Ad-
21 ministration carrying out maintenance on air-
22 craft for the air carrier during the previous
23 year who are based and who are not based in
24 the United States;

1 “(D) the percentage and total number of
2 mechanics, regardless of certification, carrying
3 out maintenance on aircraft for the air carrier
4 during the previous year who are based and
5 who are not based in the United States;

6 “(E) the percentage and total number of
7 mechanics carrying out maintenance on aircraft
8 for the air carrier during the previous year who
9 are certified and who are not certified by the
10 Federal Aviation Administration; and

11 “(F) other information provided by the air
12 carrier regarding maintenance, safety, and the
13 aircraft fleet of the carrier that is of interest to
14 the traveling public, as determined appropriate
15 by the Administrator.

16 “(2) REPORT DISCLOSURE.—The Administrator
17 shall establish an online repository for information
18 submitted under paragraph (1) that—

19 “(A) allows an air carrier to electronically
20 upload the data required to be submitted under
21 paragraph (1); and

22 “(B) makes the data submitted by an air
23 carrier publicly accessible on the website of the
24 Federal Aviation Administration.

1 “(e) HEAVY MAINTENANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term ‘heavy maintenance’ has the meaning given
3 the term in section 44733(g).”.

4 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**

5 (a) SECTION 44737.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
6 States Code, is amending by redesignating the second sec-
7 tion 44737 (as added by section 581 of the FAA Reau-
8 thorization Act of 2018) as section 44740.

9 (b) ANALYSIS.—The analysis for chapter 447 of title
10 49, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by striking the item relating to the second
12 section 44737 (as added by section 581 of the FAA
13 Reauthorization Act of 2018); and

14 (2) by inserting after section 44739 the fol-
15 lowing:

“44740. Special rule for certain aircraft operations.

“44741. Disclosure of information on recent aircraft maintenance.”.

16 (c) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN AIRCRAFT OPER-
17 ATIONS.—Section 44740 of title 49, United States Code,
18 (as redesignated by subsection (a)) is amended—

19 (1) in the heading, by striking the period at the
20 end;

21 (2) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “chapter”
22 and inserting “section”;

23 (3) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “(1)” the
24 second place it appears; and

1 (4) in subsection (c)(2) by adding a period at
2 the end.