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S. 2497

To prohibit the opening of cockpit doors in flight.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HOLLINGS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To prohibit the opening of cockpit doors in flight.

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. PROHIBITION ON OPENING COCKPIT DOORS IN**
4 **FLIGHT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 449 of
6 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 § 44917. Prohibition on opening cockpit doors in
9 flight

10 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The door to the flight deck of
11 any aircraft engaged in passenger air transportation or
12 interstate air transportation that is required to have a

1 door between the passenger and pilot compartment under
2 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, shall remain closed
3 and locked at all times during flight.

4 “(b) MANTRAP DOOR EXCEPTION.—It shall not be
5 a violation of subsection (a) for an authorized person to
6 enter or leave the flight deck during flight of any aircraft
7 described in subsection (a) that is equipped with double
8 doors between the flight deck and the passenger compart-
9 ment that are designed so that—

10 “(1) any person entering or leaving the flight
11 deck is required to lock the first door through which
12 that person passes before the second door can be
13 opened; and

14 “(2) the flight crew is able to monitor by re-
15 mote camera the area between the 2 doors and pre-
16 vent the door to the flight deck from being unlocked
17 from that area.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The chapter anal-
19 ysis for chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code, is
20 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
21 44916 the following:

“44917. Prohibition on opening cockpit doors in flight”.

