

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1811

To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12 (legislative day, DECEMBER 11), 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Commercial Flight
5 Courtesy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DE-**
2 **VICES.**

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 **“SEC. 41725. LIMITATION ON MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS**
7 **DEVICES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
9 (b), an individual may not engage in voice communications
10 through a mobile communication device while onboard an
11 aircraft in scheduled passenger interstate or intrastate air
12 transportation.

13 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
14 to—

15 “(1) individuals traveling on aircraft operated
16 by a foreign carrier unless such travel is between
17 airports located within the United States;

18 “(2) members of the flight crew or Federal Air
19 Marshals who are conducting official business on be-
20 half of the Transportation Security Administration;

21 “(3) the use of in-flight phones that are affixed
22 to the aircraft; or

23 “(4) chartered or private flights.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
25 in chapter 417 of title 49, United States Code, is amended

- 1 by inserting after the item relating to section 41724 the
- 2 following new item:

“41725. Limitation on mobile communications devices.”

