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H. R. 3426

To amend title 49, United States Code, to condition airport improvement program grants on certain assurances from airport owners and operators regarding television equipment in airport terminals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Mr. KING of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Television Freedom
5 at Our Nation’s Airports Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. AIP ASSURANCES REGARDING TELEVISION EQUIP-**
2 **MENT IN AIRPORT TERMINALS.**

3 Section 47107 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (20), by striking “and”
7 at the end;

8 (B) in paragraph (21), by striking the pe-
9 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(22) the owner or operator will ensure that—

12 “(A) television equipment in the airport’s
13 terminals is not owned exclusively by a broad-
14 cast television network or cable television news
15 network; and

16 “(B) the content displayed on such tele-
17 vision equipment is not controlled under an
18 agreement between the owner or operator and
19 a broadcast television network or cable tele-
20 vision news network.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(x) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) BROADCAST TELEVISION NETWORK.—The
24 term ‘broadcast television network’ means a tele-
25 vision network in the United States which offers an
26 interconnected program service on a regular basis

1 for 15 or more hours per week to at least 25 affili-
2 ated broadcast stations in 10 or more States.

3 “(2) CABLE TELEVISION NEWS NETWORK.—
4 The term ‘cable television news network’ means a
5 television news network in the United States that
6 transmits video programming to consumers on a reg-
7 ular basis via cable systems, fiber optic cable sys-
8 tems, satellite television systems, or other non-broad-
9 cast television systems.”.

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