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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Merkley (for himself and Mr. Kennedy) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 "Passenger Privacy Pro-
- 5 tection Act of 2019".

1	SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO CAMERAS AND
2	MICROPHONES ON AIRCRAFT.
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. PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO CAMERAS AND
7	MICROPHONES ON AIRCRAFT.
8	"(a) Prohibitions.—The following rules shall apply
9	to all aircraft of an air carrier and a foreign air carrier
10	"(1) Any in-flight entertainment system in-
11	stalled on the aircraft after the date of the enact-
12	ment of this section may not have an embedded
13	camera or microphone. In the case where the air-
14	craft has, as of such date of enactment, a existing
15	camera or microphone embedded in an in-flight en-
16	tertainment system, by not later than 2 months
17	after such date of enactment—
18	"(A) the camera shall be either—
19	"(i) removed;
20	"(ii) permanently disabled and cov-
21	ered; or
22	"(iii) covered in a fashion that pre-
23	vents the camera from making any obser-
24	vation; and
25	"(B) the microphone shall be either—
26	"(i) removed; or

1	"(ii) physically disconnected and cov-
2	ered in a fashion that renders the micro-
3	phone ineffective.
4	"(2) Any camera or microphone that is de-
5	signed to observe a passenger and that is separate
6	from an in-flight entertainment system may not be
7	installed on the aircraft after the date of the enact-
8	ment of this section. Any such camera or micro-
9	phone that was installed on the aircraft prior to
10	such date of enactment shall be removed within 2
11	months of such date of enactment.
12	"(b) Changes to Remote Switches Not Suffi-
13	CIENT.—Changes made by an air carrier or a foreign air
14	carrier to remote switches of an in-flight entertainment
15	system are not sufficient to meet the requirements of sub-
16	section (a)(1).".
17	(b) Clerical Amendment.—The analysis for chap-
18	ter 417 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
19	inserting after the item relating to section 41724 the fol-
20	lowing:
	"41725. Prohibitions relating to cameras and microphones on aircraft.".
21	SEC. 3. REQUIRING AUDITS OF AIRLINES REGARDING THE
22	INFORMATION THEY COLLECT ON PAS-
23	SENGERS.
24	The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Adminis-
25	tration shall periodically conduct audits of air carriers and

1 foreign air carriers (as such terms are defined in section

- 2 40102 of title 49, United States Code) regarding the in-
- 3 formation the carrier collects with respect to passengers
- 4 on its aircraft, including any information obtained through
- 5 the physical surveillance of passengers.