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# H. R. 3426

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## 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

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## 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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