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To amend title 49, United States Code, to require air carriers to disclose information on aircraft maintenance, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. ZELDIN, and Mr. CISNEROS) 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 “Aircraft Maintenance
5 Outsourcing Disclosure Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON AIR-**
7 **CRAFT MAINTENANCE.**

8 Chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 44741. Disclosure of information on recent aircraft**
2 **maintenance**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that is 1
4 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Ad-
5 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall
6 require an air carrier providing scheduled passenger or
7 cargo air transportation to disclose publicly the aircraft
8 maintenance practices of the air carrier, as described in
9 this section.

10 “(b) INFORMATION ON PASSENGER AIRCRAFT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier providing
12 scheduled air transportation to passengers shall pro-
13 vide, in the manners described in paragraph (2)—

14 “(A) the specific location where the air-
15 craft providing scheduled air transportation
16 most recently underwent heavy maintenance;
17 and

18 “(B) the date of such maintenance.

19 “(2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The infor-
20 mation described in paragraph (1) shall be promi-
21 nently displayed in clear and plain language and in
22 an easily readable font size on, to the greatest extent
23 practicable, tickets or electronic passenger boarding
24 documents.

25 “(3) FLEET MAINTENANCE FOR SCHEDULED
26 FLIGHTS.—An air carrier providing scheduled air

1 transportation to passengers shall disclose the per-
2 centage of airframes in the fleet of the air carrier
3 typically assigned to each specific route that are
4 maintained in the United States and the percentage
5 of such airframes maintained abroad, including the
6 3 most common countries in which such airframes
7 are maintained abroad, listed by workhours. Such
8 information shall be—

9 “(A) made available, to the greatest extent
10 practicable, on—

11 “(i) the air carrier’s publicly acces-
12 sible website accompanying each scheduled
13 flight;

14 “(ii) the air carrier’s publicly acces-
15 sible website at the point of ticket pur-
16 chase; and

17 “(iii) the electronic confirmation of a
18 ticket purchase sent by the air carrier or
19 ticket agent;

20 “(B) communicated clearly prior to the
21 point of ticket purchase on the air carrier tele-
22 phone reservation system, upon request by the
23 passenger and to the greatest extent prac-
24 ticable; and

1 “(C) communicated clearly to an individual
 2 purchasing a ticket by an airline representative
 3 at a ticket counter, upon request by the pas-
 4 senger and to the greatest extent practicable.

5 “(c) GENERAL DISCLOSURE OF HEAVY MAINTENANCE FOR ENTIRE FLEET.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier providing
 8 scheduled passenger or cargo air transportation shall
 9 display on the publicly accessible website of the air
 10 carrier a list of—

11 “(A) all of the specific locations where air-
 12 craft in its fleet have undergone heavy mainte-
 13 nance in the past 3 years, listed by total
 14 workhours; and

15 “(B) all of the specific locations where
 16 heavy maintenance is carried out for the air
 17 carrier under an existing contract.

18 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION.—The
 19 information described in paragraph (1) shall be—

20 “(A) prominently displayed in clear and
 21 plain language and in an easily readable font
 22 size; and

23 “(B) updated regularly and appropriately.

24 “(d) ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this section, and annually
3 thereafter, each air carrier shall submit to the Ad-
4 ministrators (by uploading such information to the
5 online repository established under paragraph (2)) a
6 report containing—

7 “(A) a minimum of 1 year of maintenance
8 history, including line maintenance, for each
9 aircraft that has operated in scheduled pas-
10 senger or cargo air transportation during the
11 previous year;

12 “(B) the percentage and total number of
13 mechanics carrying out maintenance on aircraft
14 for the air carrier during the previous year who
15 are employees and who are not employees of the
16 air carrier;

17 “(C) the percentage and total number of
18 mechanics certified by the Federal Aviation Ad-
19 ministration carrying out maintenance on air-
20 craft for the air carrier during the previous
21 year who are based and who are not based in
22 the United States;

23 “(D) the percentage and total number of
24 mechanics, regardless of certification, carrying
25 out maintenance on aircraft for the air carrier

1 during the previous year who are based and
2 who are not based in the United States;

3 “(E) the percentage and total number of
4 mechanics carrying out maintenance on aircraft
5 for the air carrier during the previous year who
6 are certified and who are not certified by the
7 Federal Aviation Administration; and

8 “(F) other information provided by the air
9 carrier regarding maintenance, safety, and the
10 aircraft fleet of the carrier that is of interest to
11 the traveling public, as determined appropriate
12 by the Administrator.

13 “(2) REPORT DISCLOSURE.—The Administrator
14 shall establish an online repository for information
15 submitted under paragraph (1) that—

16 “(A) allows an air carrier to electronically
17 upload the data required to be submitted under
18 paragraph (1); and

19 “(B) makes the data submitted by an air
20 carrier publicly accessible on the website of the
21 Federal Aviation Administration.

22 “(e) HEAVY MAINTENANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
23 tion, the term ‘heavy maintenance’ has the meaning given
24 the term in section 44733(g).”.

1 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) SECTION 44737.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amending by redesignating the second sec-
4 tion 44737 (as added by section 581 of the FAA Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2018) as section 44740.

6 (b) ANALYSIS.—The analysis for chapter 447 of title
7 49, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking the item relating to the second
9 section 44737 (as added by section 581 of the FAA
10 Reauthorization Act of 2018); and

11 (2) by inserting after section 44739 the fol-
12 lowing:

“44740. Special rule for certain aircraft operations.

“44741. Disclosure of information on recent aircraft maintenance.”.

13 (c) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN AIRCRAFT OPER-
14 ATIONS.—Section 44740 of title 49, United States Code,
15 (as redesignated by subsection (a)) is amended—

16 (1) in the heading, by striking the period at the
17 end;

18 (2) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “chapter”
19 and inserting “section”;

20 (3) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “(1)” the
21 second place it appears; and

22 (4) in subsection (c)(2) by adding a period at
23 the end.

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