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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GARAMENDI introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Aircraft Maintenance Outsourcing Disclosure Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE.

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

“§ 44741. Disclosure of information on recent aircraft maintenance

“(a) In General.—Beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall require an air carrier providing scheduled passenger or cargo air transportation to disclose publicly the aircraft maintenance practices of the air carrier, as described in this section.

“(b) Information on Passenger Aircraft.—

“(1) In General.—An air carrier providing scheduled air transportation to passengers shall provide, in the manners described in paragraph (2)—

“(A) the specific location where the aircraft providing scheduled air transportation most recently underwent heavy maintenance; and

“(B) the date of such maintenance.

“(2) Provision of Information.—The information described in paragraph (1) shall be prominently displayed in clear and plain language and in an easily readable font size on, to the greatest extent
practicable, tickets or electronic passenger boarding
documents.

“(3) FLEET MAINTENANCE FOR SCHEDULED
FLIGHTS.—An air carrier providing scheduled air
transportation to passengers shall disclose the per-
centage of airframes in the fleet of the air carrier
typically assigned to each specific route that are
maintained in the United States and the percentage
of such airframes maintained abroad, including the
3 most common countries in which such airframes
are maintained abroad, listed by workhours. Such
information shall be—

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

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

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

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

“(B) communicated clearly prior to the
point of ticket purchase on the air carrier tele-
phone reservation system, upon request by the passenger and to the greatest extent practicable; and

“(C) communicated clearly to an individual purchasing a ticket by an airline representative at a ticket counter, upon request by the passenger and to the greatest extent practicable.

“(c) General Disclosure of Heavy Maintenance for Entire Fleet.—

“(1) In general.—An air carrier providing scheduled passenger or cargo air transportation shall display on the publicly accessible website of the air carrier a list of—

“(A) all of the specific locations where aircraft in its fleet have undergone heavy maintenance in the past 3 years“, listed by total workhours; and

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

“(2) Requirements for information.—The information described in paragraph (1) shall be—

“(A) prominently displayed in clear and plain language and in an easily readable font size; and
“(d) Annual Reporting Requirement.—

“(1) In General.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, each air carrier shall submit to the Administrator (by uploading such information to the online repository established under paragraph (2)) a report containing—

“(A) a minimum of 1 year of maintenance history, including line maintenance, for each aircraft that has operated in scheduled passenger or cargo air transportation during the previous year;

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

“(C) the percentage and total number of mechanics certified by the Federal Aviation Administration carrying out maintenance on aircraft for the air carrier during the previous year who are based and who are not based in the United States;
“(D) the percentage and total number of mechanics, regardless of certification, carrying out maintenance on aircraft for the air carrier during the previous year who are based and who are not based in the United States;

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

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

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

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

“(B) makes the data submitted by an air carrier publicly accessible on the website of the Federal Aviation Administration.
“(e) HEAVY MAINTENANCE DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘heavy maintenance’ has the meaning given the term in section 44733(g).”.

SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) SECTION 44737.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is amending by redesignating the second section 44737 (as added by section 581 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018) as section 44740.

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

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

(2) by inserting after section 44739 the following:

‘‘44740. Special rule for certain aircraft operations.
44741. Disclosure of information on recent aircraft maintenance.’’.

(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS.—Section 44740 of title 49, United States Code, (as redesignated by subsection (a)) is amended—

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

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

(3) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “(1)” the second place it appears; and
(4) in subsection (c)(2) by adding a period at the end.