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S. 3849

To require commercial airlines to make flight delay information available to the public, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Air Travel Delay
5 Awareness Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF FLIGHT DELAY INFORMATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 417 of
8 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 41724. Availability of flight delay information**

2 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO MAKE INFORMATION AVAIL-
3 ABLE.—The Secretary of Transportation shall require
4 each air carrier, foreign air carrier, or intrastate air car-
5 rier that provides air transportation or intrastate air
6 transportation to make available to the public information
7 regarding the delay of a scheduled passenger flight not
8 later than 10 minutes after such information is available.

9 “(b) MANNER OF AVAILABILITY.—An air carrier, for-
10 eign air carrier, or intrastate air carrier shall make the
11 information referred to in subsection (a) available
12 through—

13 “(1) any Internet website of such air carrier,
14 foreign air carrier, or intrastate air carrier;

15 “(2) any automated recording related to flight
16 departure or arrival times maintained by such air
17 carrier, foreign air carrier, or intrastate air carrier;

18 “(3) announcements at appropriate airports;
19 and

20 “(4) flight information screens at appropriate
21 airports.”.

22 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
24 tation shall promulgate regulations to implement section
25 41724 of title 49, United States Code, as added by sub-
26 section (a).

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
2 chapter 417 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
3 by adding after the item relating to section 41723 the fol-
4 lowing:

“41724. Availability of flight delay information.”.

