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To establish requirements and limitations regarding the use of automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast data, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25 (legislative day, JUNE 24), 2025

Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SHEEHY) 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 “Pilot and Aircraft Pri-
5 vacy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF AUTOMATIC DEPENDENT SURVEILLANCE-**
 2 **BROADCAST DATA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 447 of title 49, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 44749. Use of automatic dependent surveillance-**
 7 **broadcast data**

8 “(a) LIMITATION ON USE OF ADS-B DATA.—No
 9 person (including a government agency) may use auto-
 10 matic dependent surveillance-broadcast data to identify
 11 any aircraft in order to assess a fee or otherwise impose
 12 a charge on the owner or operator of such aircraft.

13 “(b) USE BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS.—An air
 14 traffic controller may only use automatic dependent sur-
 15 veillance-broadcast data—

16 “(1) to assist in tracking aircraft and improv-
 17 ing air traffic safety and efficiency; or

18 “(2) for any other purpose determined appro-
 19 priate by the Secretary of Transportation after no-
 20 tice and an opportunity for public comment.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 22 ter 447 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
 23 inserting after the item relating to section 44748 the fol-
 24 lowing:

“44749. Use of automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast data.”.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON USE OF ADS-B DATA IN INVESTIGA-**
 2 **TIONS.**

3 Section 46101(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
 4 is amended by striking “the Administrator of the Federal
 5 Aviation may not” and inserting “neither the Adminis-
 6 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration nor any
 7 other Federal, State, local, territorial, or Tribal official
 8 may”.

9 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF FEES ON GENERAL AVIATION AIR-**
 10 **CRAFT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 401 of title 49, United
 12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 13 lowing new section:

14 **“§ 40133. Imposition of fees on general aviation air-**
 15 **craft**

16 “(a) DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—Prior to imposing a
 17 landing or take-off fee on any general aviation aircraft (as
 18 defined in subsection (d)), the owner or operator of a pub-
 19 lic-use airport (as defined in section 47102) shall make
 20 available to the public the following information:

21 “(1) Any efforts the airport owner or operator
 22 has undertaken to reduce non-airside related ex-
 23 penses.

24 “(2) Any efforts the airport owner or operator
 25 has undertaken to obtain revenues from sources
 26 other than general aviation aircraft.

1 “(3) The total cost estimate of the airside safe-
 2 ty projects that the airport owner or operator plans
 3 to undertake, the amount or percentage of the fees
 4 imposed on general aviation aircraft that will be
 5 used to pay for such project, and an estimated
 6 timeline to collect such amount.

7 “(4) An assessment of the impact of any fees
 8 on the health and vitality of general aviation and on
 9 the pilots, students, charities, and businesses that
 10 support or rely on general aviation in the area of the
 11 airport.

12 “(b) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Any reve-
 13 nues derived from fees imposed on general aviation air-
 14 craft may only be used for airside safety projects.

15 “(c) RULEMAKING AND REPORTING.—The Adminis-
 16 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration may pro-
 17 mulgate such regulations or impose such reporting re-
 18 quirements as may be necessary to carry out this section.

19 “(d) GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—For
 20 purposes of this section, the term ‘general aviation air-
 21 craft’ means an aircraft that is being used for—

22 “(1) personal, recreational, or flight training
 23 purposes; or

24 “(2) purposes other than scheduled airline oper-
 25 ations or military flights.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 401 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
3 inserting after the item relating to section 40132 the fol-
4 lowing:

“40133. Imposition of fees on general aviation aircraft.”.

