AMENDMENT NO.______  Calendar No.______

Purpose: To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit certain cell phone voice communications in passenger air service.

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To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2106 through 2017, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ______________ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MARKEY

Viz:

1  At the end of subtitle A of title III, add the following:

2  SEC. 3122. CELL PHONE VOICE COMMUNICATION BAN.

3   (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 417 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5  "§ 41725. Prohibition on certain cell phone voice communications"

6   "(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Transportation may issue regulations—"

9   "(1) to prohibit an individual on an aircraft from engaging in voice communications using a mobile communications device during a flight of that
a aircraft in scheduled passenger interstate or intrastate air transportation; and

"(2) that exempt from the prohibition described in paragraph (1)—

"(A) any member of the flight crew on duty on an aircraft;

"(B) any flight attendant on duty on an aircraft; and

"(C) any Federal law enforcement officer acting in an official capacity.

"(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) FLIGHT.—The term ‘flight’ means, with respect to an aircraft, the period beginning when the aircraft takes off and ending when the aircraft lands.

"(2) MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘mobile communications device’ means any portable wireless telecommunications equipment utilized for the transmission or reception of voice data.

"(B) LIMITATION.—The term ‘mobile communications device’ does not include a phone installed on an aircraft."
(b) Table of Contents.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 417 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 41724 the following new item:

"41725. Prohibition on certain cell phone voice communications."