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H. R. 3311

To prohibit the unauthorized possession of a cutting instrument, chemical spray, or an electric weapon in an aircraft or on the premises of an airport.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit the unauthorized possession of a cutting instrument, chemical spray, or an electric weapon in an aircraft or on the premises of an airport.

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 “Passenger Safe Travel
5 Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION**
2 **OF A CUTTING INSTRUMENT, CHEMICAL**
3 **SPRAY, OR AN ELECTRIC WEAPON IN AN AIR-**
4 **CRAFT OR ON THE PREMISES OF AN AIR-**
5 **PORT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 39. Prohibition on the unauthorized possession of**
10 **a cutting instrument, chemical spray, or**
11 **an electric weapon in an aircraft or on**
12 **the premises of an airport**

13 “(a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for a per-
14 son, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, to pos-
15 sess a cutting instrument, chemical spray, or an electric
16 weapon in an aircraft or on the premises of an airport,
17 unless the person is authorized to do so by or under law
18 or by the owner of the aircraft or airport, as the case may
19 be.

20 “(b) PENALTIES.—Whoever violates subsection (a)
21 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than
22 5 years, or both.”.

23 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 31(a) of such title is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(11) **Chemical spray.**—The term ‘chemical
26 spray’ means a device that contains a substance

1 which is harmful or dangerous to a person, and that
2 is designed or redesigned, made or remade, and ca-
3 pable of being used to produce temporary physical
4 discomfort in a person, or to temporarily incapaci-
5 tate, injure, or kill a person, by spraying, vaporizing,
6 or otherwise releasing the substance in the air.

7 “(12) **Electric weapon.**—The term ‘electric
8 weapon’ means a device that is designed or rede-
9 signed, made or remade, and capable of being used
10 to produce temporary physical discomfort in a per-
11 son, or to temporarily incapacitate, injure, or kill a
12 person, by the infliction of an electric or magnetic
13 charge or shock, including through the use of a pro-
14 jectile.”.

15 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections
16 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
17 at the end the following:

“39. Prohibition on the unauthorized possession of a knife or other cutting in-
strument of any length, chemical spray, or an electric weapon
in an aircraft or on the premises of an airport.”.

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