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LEGISLATION NEWS:

Much is occurring in the world of legislation as it relates to us in general aviation. There is some excellent information in the September/October issue of the *99 News* related to the legislative issues of medical certificate forms becoming electronic, re-registration of “N” numbers, and the newly passed “Pilot’s Bill of Rights”. See page 26 in the *99 News*.

There is now a section on the South Central Section web site (www.scs99s.org) where current legislation news will be posted. [Many thanks to Linda Horn for her assistance with adding this page and the ongoing information.] Go to the “Legislation” tab on the left side of the home page and click on that link to go to the site. If you have information you think would be relevant and helpful to other members, please send it to me so it can be added (jillwilliams99@yahoo.com). As of right now, I have only been listing legislation information related to pilots. However, if there are legislative maintenance issues that you would like to see, please let me know and that will be included.

As the previous Legislation Advisor Charli Lamb noted on several occasions, a \$100 fee-per-flight is a great threat to us as pilots. Unfortunately, this issue is still alive and well as the current presidential administration has made it clear that they wish to implement this fee. Many of the “alphabet” groups (including AOPA, EAA, NBAA, etc.) are fighting this proposed legislation and working with Congress to stop passage of this. Needless to say, if this passes, our freedom to fly will be severely hampered.

Advisory Circular 61-98B, which provides guidance for flight reviews and instruments proficiency checks, has been updated as April 30, 2012. The latest version can be obtained at: http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/AC/AC_61-98B.pdf.

For anyone working towards their private or commercial check ride, new information has been added as of June 1, 2012. The appendix chapter titled “Runway Incursion Avoidance” has been added to the *Pilot’s Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge* and is available at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/AC/AC_61-98B.pdf.

Respectfully submitted,

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