

LEGISLATION NEWS Spring 2018

Did You Know? Links to a variety of aviation legislation-related topics are available on the South Central Section website. Go to www.scs99s.org, click on Aviation Legislation in the left column, and then scroll down. Topics and resources are updated and added to as needed.

“Complex” Aircraft Requirement Dropped for Some Practical Tests.

As of April 24, 2018, the FAA has dropped the requirement of needing to use a complex aircraft for commercial pilot certificate or flight instructor certificate check rides.

FAA’s updated policy: www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Notice/N_8900.463.pdf

Commercial Pilot Airman Certification Standards:

www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/acs/media/commercial_airplane_acs.pdf

Flight Instructor Practical Test Standards:

www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/test_standards/media/FAA-S-8081-6D.pdf

FAA Funding.

The U.S. House of Representatives has voted on HR 4, a long-term funding bill for the FAA. The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate.

For more information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4>

ADS-B.

The deadline for installation is January 1, 2020. For more information about ADS-B: www.faa.gov/nextgen/equipadsb. Also see the federal regulations for more information: specifically, [14 CFR 91.225](http://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-G/part-91.225) and [14 CFR 91.227](http://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-G/part-91.227).

For questions about ADS-B, see the FAA's FAQ page: www.faa.gov/nextgen/programs/adsb/faq.

To see if you need to have ADS-B Out, here is a flow chart:

www.aopa.org/go-fly/aircraft-and-ownership/ads-b/ads-b-selector.

For more information: www.faa.gov/nextgen/equipadsb

Balloon Pilots and Medical Certificates.

There is a measure currently before the U.S. Congress to require hot air balloon pilots to hold a medical certificate similar to fixed wing and helicopter pilots. Stay tuned...

Here is the House bill: www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4102.

Once you click on this link, you will see a tab titled ‘Related Bills’. This provides info on the two related Senate bills.

Third Class Medical Reform.

If you are planning to use “BasicMed” in place of a Third Class Medical, go to this link first (www.aopa.org/advocacy/pilots/medical/fit-to-fly-pilots). You will find information on if you qualify for BasicMed (via an interactive link); FAQs; other information, the required (free) course and more.

“Fit to Fly” Articles in *Ninety-Nines*.

In many issues of the *Ninety-Nines*, there is a page devoted to “Fit to Fly” covering a variety of topics. Did you see the article about sleep apnea on page 19 of the March/April issue? Lots of good info with respect to those who suffer, or may suffer, from this. Available online if your paper copy is not handy: www.ninety-nines.org/pdf/newsmagazine/20180304.pdf.

Respectfully,

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