

Public Law 90-411

AN ACT

July 21, 1968
[H. R. 3400]

To amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to require aircraft noise abatement regulation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title VI of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1430) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Aircraft noise control.
72 Stat. 775.

“CONTROL AND ABATEMENT OF AIRCRAFT NOISE AND SONIC BOOM

“SEC. 611. (a) In order to afford present and future relief and protection to the public from unnecessary aircraft noise and sonic boom, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, after consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall prescribe and amend standards for the measurement of aircraft noise and sonic boom and shall prescribe and amend such rules and regulations as he may find necessary to provide for the control and abatement of aircraft noise and sonic boom, including the application of such standards, rules, and regulations in the issuance, amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation of any certificate authorized by this title.

Administrative provisions.

“(b) In prescribing and amending standards, rules, and regulations under this section, the Administrator shall—

“(1) consider relevant available data relating to aircraft noise and sonic boom, including the results of research, development, testing, and evaluation activities conducted pursuant to this Act and the Department of Transportation Act;

80 Stat. 931.
49 USC 1651
note.

“(2) consult with such Federal, State, and interstate agencies as he deems appropriate;

“(3) consider whether any proposed standard, rule, or regulation is consistent with the highest degree of safety in air commerce or air transportation in the public interest,

“(4) consider whether any proposed standard, rule, or regulation is economically reasonable, technologically practicable, and appropriate for the particular type of aircraft, aircraft engine, appliance, or certificate to which it will apply; and

“(5) consider the extent to which such standard, rule, or regulation will contribute to carrying out the purposes of this section.

“(c) In any action to amend, modify, suspend, or revoke a certificate in which violation of aircraft noise or sonic boom standards, rules, or regulations is at issue, the certificate holder shall have the same notice and appeal rights as are contained in section 609, and in any appeal to the National Transportation Safety Board, the Board may amend, modify, or reverse the order of the Administrator if it finds that control or abatement of aircraft noise or sonic boom and the public interest do not require the affirmation of such order, or that such order is not consistent with safety in air commerce or air transportation.”

72 Stat. 779.
49 USC 1429.

SEC. 2. That portion of the table of contents contained in the first section of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 which appears under the center heading “TITLE VI—SAFETY REGULATION OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS” is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“Sec. 611. Control and abatement of aircraft noise and sonic boom.”

Approved July 21, 1968.