

CODIFICATION

Another section 44737 was renumbered section 44740 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118–63, § 825(1), substituted “helicopter” for “rotorcraft” wherever appearing in text.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 118–63, § 825(2), substituted “helicopter” for “rotorcraft” in heading.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 118–63, § 825(3), added subsec. (d).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CRASH-RESISTANT FUEL SYSTEMS IN ROTORCRAFT

Pub. L. 118–63, title III, § 320, May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1082, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator [of the Federal Aviation Administration] shall task the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to—

“(1) review the data analysis conducted and the recommendations developed by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Rotorcraft Occupant Protection Working Group of the Administration;

“(2) update the 2018 report of such working group on rotorcraft occupant protection by—

“(A) reviewing National Transportation Safety Board data from 2016 through 2023 on post-crash fires in helicopter accidents; and

“(B) determining whether and to what extent crash-resistant fuel systems could have prevented fatalities in the accidents covered by the data reviewed under subparagraph (A); and

“(3) develop recommendations for either the Administrator or the helicopter industry to encourage helicopter owners and operators to expedite the installation of crash-resistant fuel systems in the aircraft of such owners and operators regardless of original certification and manufacture date.

“(b) SCHEDULE.—

“(1) DEADLINE.—Not later than 18 months after the Administrator tasks the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee under subsection (a), the Committee shall submit the recommendations developed under subsection (a)(2) to the Administrator.

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—If applicable, and not later than 180 days after receiving the recommendations under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall—

“(A) begin implementing, as appropriate, any safety recommendations the Administrator receives from the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee, and brief the appropriate committees of Congress [Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives] on any recommendations the Administrator does not implement; and

“(B) partner with the United States Helicopter Safety Team, as appropriate, to facilitate implementation of any recommendations for the helicopter industry pursuant to subsection (a)(2).”

§ 44738. Training on human trafficking for certain staff

In addition to other training requirements, each air carrier shall provide training to ticket counter agents, gate agents, and other air carrier workers whose jobs require regular interaction with passengers on recognizing and responding to potential human trafficking victims.

(Added Pub. L. 115–254, div. B, title IV, § 408(a), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3330.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

AIRPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION GRANTS

Pub. L. 118–63, title VII, § 774A, May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1299, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary [of Transportation] shall establish a grant program to provide grants to airports described in subsection (b)(1) to address human trafficking awareness, education, and prevention efforts, including by—

“(1) coordinating human trafficking prevention efforts across multimodal transportation operations within a community; and

“(2) accomplishing the best practices and recommendations provided by the Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking.

“(b) DISTRIBUTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall distribute amounts made available for grants under this section to—

“(A) the 75 airports in the United States with the highest number of passenger enplanements annually, based on the most recent data available; and

“(B) as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, an airport not described in subparagraph (A) that serves an area with a high prevalence of human trafficking, on application of the airport.

“(2) PRIORITY; CONSIDERATIONS.—In distributing amounts made available for grants under this section, the Secretary shall—

“(A) give priority in grant amounts to airports referred to in paragraph (1) that serve regions with a higher prevalence of human trafficking; and

“(B) take into consideration the effect the amounts would have on surrounding areas.

“(3) CONSULTATION.—In distributing amounts made available for grants under this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking in determining the amounts to be distributed to each grant recipient to ensure the best use of the funds.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028.”

§ 44739. Pets on airplanes

(a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any person to place a live animal in an overhead storage compartment of an aircraft operated under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

(b) CIVIL PENALTY.—The Administrator may impose a civil penalty under section 46301 for each violation of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 115–254, div. B, title IV, § 417(a), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3334.)

§ 44740. Special rule for certain aircraft operations

(a) IN GENERAL.—The operator of an aircraft with a special airworthiness certification in the experimental category may—

(1) operate the aircraft for the purpose of conducting a space support vehicle flight (as that term is defined in section 50902 of title 51); and

(2) conduct such flight under such certificate carrying persons or property for compensation or hire—

(A) notwithstanding any rule or term of a certificate issued by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration that would prohibit flight for compensation or hire; or

(B) without obtaining a certificate issued by the Administrator to conduct air carrier or commercial operations.