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14 CFR Part 136

Air transportation, Aircraft, Airplanes, Air tours, Air safety, Aviation safety, Commercial air tours, Helicopters, National Parks, Recreation and recreation areas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

The Proposed Amendment

For the reasons set forth above, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations parts 61, 91, 119, 121, 135, and 136 as follows:

PART 61—CERTIFICATION: PILOTS, FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS, AND GROUND INSTRUCTORS

1. The authority citation for part 61 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701–44703, 44707, 44709–44711, 45102–45103, 45301–45302.

2. Amend § 61.113 by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 61.113 Private pilot privileges and limitations: Pilot in command.

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(d) A private pilot may act as pilot in command of an aircraft used only in the following passenger-carrying operations for compensation or hire:

(1) The operation is a charitable airlift for the benefit of a charity identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury that provides emergency or medical service and the pilot has logged at least 200 hours of flight time and complies with all of the conditions of this paragraph; or

(2) The operation is for a charitable or community event described in § 119.1(e)(11) of this chapter, in accordance with the provisions and limitations of § 91.147 and subpart A of part 136, and provided the pilot has logged at least 500 hours of flight time.

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PART 91—GENERAL OPERATING AND FLIGHT RULES

3. The authority citation for part 91 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 1155, 40103, 40113, 40120, 44101, 44111, 44701, 44709, 44711, 44712, 44715, 44716, 44717, 44722, 46306, 46315, 46316, 46504, 46506–46507, 47122, 47508, 47528–47531, articles 12 and 29 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (61 stat. 1180).

Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 71—Special Operating Rules For Air Tour Operators in the State of Hawaii [Removed]

4. Remove SFAR No. 71.

5. Add § 91.147 to read as follows:

§ 91.147 Passenger-carrying flights for charity or community events.

(a) A passenger-carrying flight for a charity or community event, as described in § 119.1(e)(11) of this chapter, for which the passengers make a donation to the charitable or community organization may be conducted under the following conditions and limitations:

(1) Unless otherwise authorized by the Administrator, the sponsor of the flight must notify the FAA Flight Standards District Office with jurisdiction over the area concerned at least 7 days before the event;

(2) The sponsor must furnish a signed letter that shows the name of the sponsor, the purpose of the event, the date and time of the event, the location of the event and all prior events participated in by the sponsor(s), pilot(s) or operator(s);

(3) The sponsor must furnish a photocopy of each pilot in command's pilot certificate, medical certificate, and logbook entries that show the pilot is current in accordance with §§ 61.56 and 61.57 of this part, and that any private pilot who will be used has logged at least 500 hours of flight time;

(4) The flight is conducted from a public airport that is adequate for the aircraft to be used, or from another airport that the FAA has approved for the operation;

(5) No aerobatic or formation flights are conducted;

(6) Each aircraft used for the charitable or community event holds a standard airworthiness certificate;

(7) Each aircraft used for the charitable or community event is airworthy and complies with the applicable requirements of subpart E of part 91 of this chapter;

(8) Each flight for the charitable or community event is made during day VFR conditions; and

(9) No person may conduct a flight under the provisions of this paragraph unless that flight is conducted in accordance with the appropriate safety provisions for commercial air tour flights described in part 136, subpart A, of this chapter, for the type aircraft being used.

(b) [Reserved]

PART 119—CERTIFICATION: AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS

6. The authority citation for part 119 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 1153, 40101, 40102, 40103, 40113, 44105, 44106, 44111, 44701–44717, 44722, 44901, 44903, 44904, 44906, 44912, 44914, 44936, 44938, 46103, 46105.

7. Amend § 119.1 by revising paragraphs (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3) and (e)(4)(iii) and by adding paragraph (e)(11) to read as follows:

§ 119.1 Applicability.

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(e) * * *

(1) Student instruction, including introductory flights given by a certificated flight instructor;

(2) Nonstop commercial air tours conducted before [date 6 months from the date the final rule is published], with aircraft having a passenger-seat configuration of 30 seats or fewer and a maximum payload capacity of 7,500 pounds or less that begin and end at the same airport, and are conducted within a 25-statute mile radius of that airport. Such operations are subject to the provisions specified in § 121.1(d) or § 135.1(a)(5) of this chapter, as applicable. For nonstop commercial air tours conducted in the vicinity of the Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, the requirements of SFAR 50–2, subpart U of part 93, and part 119, as applicable, apply.

(3) Ferry, demonstration, or training flights, including:

(i) Aerobatic demonstrations or training flights;

(ii) Air combat or formation training flights;

(iii) Aircraft sales demonstration flights; or

(iv) Aircraft demonstration flights other than those specified above (does not include flights where the purpose is sightseeing).

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(iii) Aerial photography or survey (does not include sightseeing);

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(11) A nonstop sightseeing flight in support of a charitable or community event when the following requirements are met: