

train, motor vehicle, or aircraft he operates, upon exhibiting their credentials and without extra charge therefor, persons on duty in charge of the mails or when traveling to and from such duty.

(b)(1) In this subsection, “air carrier” and “aircraft” have the same meanings given those terms in section 40102(a) of title 49.

(2) An air carrier engaged in transporting mail shall carry without charge on any plane it operates those agents and officers of the Postal Service traveling on official business related to transporting mail by aircraft, as prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of Transportation, on exhibiting credentials.

(Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 768; Pub. L. 103-272, §4(g)(1), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1364.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-272 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

[CHAPTER 52—REPEALED]

§§ 5201 to 5215. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-435, title X, § 1002(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3254]

Section 5201, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 768; Pub. L. 95-473, §2(a)(4)(A)-(C), Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 96-454, §3(b)(2), Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2012; Pub. L. 97-261, §6(d)(4), Sept. 20, 1982, 96 Stat. 1107; Pub. L. 99-521, §4(3), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2993; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(3)-(9), (14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, related to definitions.

Section 5202, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 768, related to applicability of chapter.

Section 5203, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 768; Pub. L. 95-473, §2(a)(4)(D), Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(10), (14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, related to authorization of service by carrier.

Section 5204, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 769, related to changes in service and placement of equipment.

Section 5205, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 769, related to evidence of service.

Section 5206, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 769, related to fines and deductions.

Section 5207, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 770; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(11), (14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, directed the Surface Transportation Board to fix rates.

Section 5208, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 770; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(12), (14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, related to procedures.

Section 5209, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 770; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, related to special rates.

Section 5210, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 771, related to intermodal transportation.

Section 5211, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 771, related to statistical studies.

Section 5212, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 771; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, related to special contracts.

Section 5213, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 771, related to carrier operations, receipts, and expenditures.

Section 5214, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 771, related to agreements with passenger common carriers by motor vehicle.

Section 5215, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 771; Pub. L. 95-473, §2(a)(4)(E), Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(12)-(14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, related to star route certification.

CHAPTER 54—TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL BY AIR

Sec. 5401. Authorization.

Sec. 5402. Contracts for transportation of mail by air.
5403. Fines.

§ 5401. Authorization

(a) The Postal Service is authorized to provide for the safe and expeditious transportation of mail by aircraft.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in section 5402 of this title, the Postal Service may make such rules, regulations, and orders consistent with part A of subtitle VII of title 49, or any order, rule, or regulation made by the Secretary of Transportation thereunder, as may be necessary for such transportation.

(Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 772; Pub. L. 98-443, §9(g)(3), Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1707; Pub. L. 103-272, §5(k)(3), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1375.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-272 substituted “part A of subtitle VII” for “sections 1301-1542”.

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-443 substituted “Secretary of Transportation” for “Civil Aeronautics Board”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-443 effective Jan. 1, 1985, see section 9(v) of Pub. L. 98-443, set out as a note under section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective July 1, 1971, pursuant to Resolution No. 71-9 of the Board of Governors. See section 15(a) of Pub. L. 91-375, set out as a note preceding section 101 of this title.

§ 5402. Contracts for transportation of mail by air

(a) In this section—

(1) the term “acceptance point” means the point at which nonpriority bypass mail originates;

(2) the terms foreign air carrier,¹ “air carrier”, “interstate air transportation”, “foreign air carrier”,² and “foreign air transportation” have the meanings given such terms in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code;

(3) the term “base fare” means the fare paid to the carrier issuing the passenger ticket or carrying nonmail freight which may entail service being provided by more than 1 carrier;

(4) the term “bush carrier” means a carrier operating aircraft certificated within the payload capacity requirements of subsection (g)(1)(A)(iv)(I) on a city pair route;

(5) the term “bush passenger carrier” means a passenger carrier that meets the requirements of subsection (g)(1)(A)(iv)(I) and provides passenger service on a city pair route;

(6) the term “bush route” means an air route in which only a bush carrier is tendered nonpriority bypass mail between the origination point, being either an acceptance point or a hub, as determined by the Postal Service, and the destination city;

¹ So in original. Probably should be set off by quotation marks and the term “foreign air carrier” probably should appear only once.

² So in original. The period probably should be a comma and the term “foreign air carrier” probably should appear only once.