

## AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

## PART III—SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO TAXES ON TRANSPORTATION BY AIR

Sec.

4281. Small aircraft on nonestablished lines.  
 4282. Transportation by air for other members of affiliated group.  
 [4283. Repealed.]

## AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11213(e)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-436, struck out item 4283 “Reduction in aviation-related taxes in certain cases”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-223, title IV, §405(c), Dec. 30, 1987, 101 Stat. 1535, added item 4283.

1970—Pub. L. 91-258, title II, §205(a)(1), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 241, inserted “PART III—SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO TAXES ON TRANSPORTATION BY AIR.”

**§ 4281. Small aircraft on nonestablished lines****(a) In general**

The taxes imposed by sections 4261 and 4271 shall not apply to transportation by an aircraft having a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 6,000 pounds or less, except when such aircraft is operated on an established line or when such aircraft is a jet aircraft.

**(b) Maximum certificated takeoff weight**

For purposes of this section, the term “maximum certificated takeoff weight” means the maximum such weight contained in the type certificate or airworthiness certificate.

**(c) Sightseeing**

For purposes of this section, an aircraft shall not be considered as operated on an established line at any time during which such aircraft is being operated on a flight the sole purpose of which is sightseeing.

**(d) Jet aircraft**

For purposes of this section, the term “jet aircraft” shall not include any aircraft which is a rotorcraft or propeller aircraft.

(Added Pub. L. 91-258, title II, §205(a)(1), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 241; amended Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §280(c)(2)(B), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 564; Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, §11124(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1952; Pub. L. 112-95, title XI, §1107(a), Feb. 14, 2012, 126 Stat. 154; Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §204(a), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4025.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4281, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 508, related to tax on transportation of oil by pipeline, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 85-475, §4(a), June 30, 1958, 72 Stat. 260. For effective date of repeal, see section 4(c) of Pub. L. 85-475, set out as an Effective Date of 1958 Amendment note under section 6415 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-295 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The taxes imposed by sections 4261 and 4271 shall not apply to transportation by an aircraft having a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 6,000 pounds or less, except

when such aircraft is operated on an established line or when such aircraft is a jet aircraft. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term ‘maximum certificated takeoff weight’ means the maximum such weight contained in the type certificate or airworthiness certificate. For purposes of this section, an aircraft shall not be considered as operated on an established line at any time during which such aircraft is being operated on a flight the sole purpose of which is sightseeing.”

2012—Pub. L. 112-95 inserted “or when such aircraft is a jet aircraft” after “an established line” in first sentence.

2005—Pub. L. 109-59 inserted at end “For purposes of this section, an aircraft shall not be considered as operated on an established line at any time during which such aircraft is being operated on a flight the sole purpose of which is sightseeing.”

1982—Pub. L. 97-248 struck out “(as defined in section 4492(b))” after “certificated takeoff weight”, and inserted provision defining “maximum certificated takeoff weight”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §204(b), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4025, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in section 1107 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 [Pub. L. 112-95].”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-95, title XI, §1107(b), Feb. 14, 2012, 126 Stat. 154, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to taxable transportation provided after March 31, 2012.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, §11124(b), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1953, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to transportation beginning after September 30, 2005, but shall not apply to any amount paid before such date for such transportation.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-248 applicable with respect to transportation beginning after Aug. 31, 1982, but inapplicable to amounts paid on or before such date, see section 280(d) of Pub. L. 97-248, set out as a note under section 4261 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on July 1, 1970, see section 211(a) of Pub. L. 91-258, set out as an Effective Date of 1970 Amendment note under section 4041 of this title.

**§ 4282. Transportation by air for other members of affiliated group****(a) General rule**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, if—

- (1) one member of an affiliated group is the owner or lessee of an aircraft, and
- (2) such aircraft is not available for hire by persons who are not members of such group,

no tax shall be imposed under section 4261 or 4271 upon any payment received by one member of the affiliated group from another member of such group for services furnished to such other member in connection with the use of such aircraft.

**(b) Availability for hire**

For purposes of subsection (a), the determination of whether an aircraft is available for hire by persons who are not members of an affiliated group shall be made on a flight-by-flight basis.