

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
47306	49 App.:1159(a) (last sentence). 49 App.:1655(c)(1).	June 16, 1948, ch. 473, §10(a) (last sentence), 62 Stat. 454. Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, §6(c)(1), 80 Stat. 938; Jan. 12, 1983, Pub. L. 97-449, §7(b), 96 Stat. 2444.

The word “prescribed” is substituted for “issued” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “if such violation is committed in any area under the civil jurisdiction of the United States” are omitted as surplus. The words “fined under title 18” are substituted for “a fine of not more than \$500”, and the words “be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor” are omitted, for consistency with title 18.

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Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-254, div. B, title VII, §743(b), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3413, added item 47511.

2012—Pub. L. 112-95, title V, §506(b)(3), Feb. 14, 2012, 126 Stat. 106, which directed amendment of the analysis for subchapter II of this chapter by substituting “Penalties” for “Penalties for violating sections 47528-47530”

in item 47531 and by adding item 47534, was executed to the analysis for this chapter to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1994—Pub. L. 103-429, §6(72)(B), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4388, added item 47510.

Pub. L. 103-305, title III, §308(b), Aug. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 1594, added item 47509.

SUBCHAPTER I—NOISE ABATEMENT

§ 47501. Definitions

In this subchapter—

(1) “airport” means a public-use airport as defined in section 47102 of this title.

(2) “airport operator” means—

(A) for an airport serving air carriers that have certificates from the Secretary of Transportation, any person holding an airport operating certificate issued under section 44706 of this title; and

(B) for any other airport, the person operating the airport.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1284.)

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47501(1)	49 App.:2101(1).	Feb. 18, 1980, Pub. L. 96-193, §101(1), 94 Stat. 50; re-stated Sept. 3, 1982, Pub. L. 97-248, §524(b)(1), 96 Stat. 696; Dec. 30, 1987, Pub. L. 100-223, §103(f), 101 Stat. 1489.
	49 App.:2101(3).	Feb. 18, 1980, Pub. L. 96-193, §101(3), 94 Stat. 50.
47501(2)	49 App.:2101(2).	Feb. 18, 1980, Pub. L. 96-193, §101(2), 94 Stat. 50; re-stated Sept. 3, 1982, Pub. L. 97-248, §524(b)(2), 96 Stat. 696.
	49 App.:1551(b)(1)(E).	Aug. 23, 1958, Pub. L. 85-726, 72 Stat. 731, §1601(b)(1)(E); added Oct. 4, 1984, Pub. L. 98-443, §3(e), 98 Stat. 1704.

In this section, the words “the term” are omitted as surplus.

In clause (1), the text of 49 App.:2101(3) is omitted as surplus because the complete name of the Secretary of Transportation is used the first time the term appears in a section.

In clause (2), the word “valid” is omitted as surplus.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

MITIGATION OF MILITARY HELICOPTER NOISE

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title X, §1087, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3877, provided that:

“(a) PROCESS FOR TRACKING COMPLAINTS.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, shall develop a process to receive, track, and analyze complaints of military rotary wing aircraft noise in the National Capital Region that are registered on the noise inquiry websites of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport.

“(b) NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.—In this section, the term ‘National Capital Region’ has the meaning given such term in section 2674(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code.”

ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NOISE CONCERNS

Pub. L. 115-254, div. B, title I, §175, Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3228, provided that: “When proposing a new area navigation departure procedure, or amending an existing procedure that would direct aircraft between the surface and 6,000 feet above ground level over noise sensitive areas, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation