

PUBLIC LAW 114-55—SEPT. 30, 2015

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY EXTENSION ACT  
OF 2015

Public Law 114–55  
114th Congress

An Act

Sept. 30, 2015  
[H.R. 3614]

To amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Airport and  
Airway  
Extension Act  
of 2015.  
26 USC 1 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2015”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—AIRPORT AND AIRWAY PROGRAMS**

- Sec. 101. Extension of airport improvement program.
- Sec. 102. Extension of expiring authorities.
- Sec. 103. Federal Aviation Administration operations.
- Sec. 104. Air navigation facilities and equipment.
- Sec. 105. Research, engineering, and development.
- Sec. 106. Funding for aviation programs.
- Sec. 107. Essential air service.

**TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISIONS**

- Sec. 201. Expenditure authority from Airport and Airway Trust Fund.
- Sec. 202. Extension of taxes funding Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

**TITLE I—AIRPORT AND AIRWAY  
PROGRAMS**

**SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

Time period.

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 48103(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting “and \$1,675,000,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016.”

(2) **OBLIGATION OF AMOUNTS.**—Subject to limitations specified in advance in appropriation Acts, sums made available pursuant to the amendment made by paragraph (1) may be obligated at any time through September 30, 2016, and shall remain available until expended.

Time period.

(3) **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.**—For purposes of calculating funding apportionments and meeting other requirements under sections 47114, 47115, 47116, and 47117 of title 49,

United States Code, for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall—

(A) first calculate such funding apportionments on an annualized basis as if the total amount available under section 48103 of such title for fiscal year 2016 were \$3,350,000,000; and

(B) then reduce by 50 percent—

(i) all funding apportionments calculated under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) amounts available pursuant to sections 47117(b) and 47117(f)(2) of such title.

(b) PROJECT GRANT AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “September 30, 2015,” and inserting “March 31, 2016,”.

#### SEC. 102. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.

(a) Section 47107(r)(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 2015” and inserting “April 1, 2016”.

(b) Section 47115(j) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016” after “fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

(c) Section 47124(b)(3)(E) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and not more than \$5,175,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016,” after “fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

(d) Section 47141(f) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

(e) Section 50905(c)(3) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 2015,” and inserting “April 1, 2016,”.

(f) Section 186(d) of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (117 Stat. 2518) is amended by inserting “and for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016,” after “fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

Time period.

(g) Section 409(d) of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (49 U.S.C. 41731 note) is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

(h) Section 140(c)(1) of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 47113 note) is amended by striking “fiscal years 2013 through 2015,” and inserting “fiscal years 2013 through 2016,”.

(i) Section 411(h) of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 42301 prec. note) is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

(j) Section 822(k) of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 47141 note) is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

#### SEC. 103. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS.

Section 106(k) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (C) by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (D) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

Time period. (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:  
 “(E) \$4,870,350,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016.”; and  
 (2) in paragraph (3) by inserting “and for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016” after “fiscal years 2012 through 2015”.

**SEC. 104. AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.**

Section 48101(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:  
 Time period. “(5) \$1,300,000,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016.”.

**SEC. 105. RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT.**

Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—  
 (1) in paragraph (7) by striking “and” at the end;  
 (2) in paragraph (8) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and  
 (3) by adding at the end the following:  
 Time period. “(9) \$78,375,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016.”.

**SEC. 106. FUNDING FOR AVIATION PROGRAMS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 48114 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—  
 (1) in subsection (a)(2) by striking “2015” and inserting “2016”; and  
 (2) in subsection (c)(2) by striking “2015” and inserting “2016”.  
 Time period. (b) COMPLIANCE WITH FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.—The budget authority authorized in this Act, including the amendments made by this Act, shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of subsections (a)(1)(B) and (a)(2) of section 48114 of title 49, United States Code, for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016.

Time period. **SEC. 107. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE.**

Section 41742(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “and \$93,000,000 for fiscal year 2015” and inserting “\$93,000,000 for fiscal year 2015, and \$77,500,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016”.

## TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISIONS

**SEC. 201. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FROM AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9502(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—  
 26 USC 9502. (1) by striking “October 1, 2015” in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) and inserting “April 1, 2016”, and  
 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (A) and inserting “or the Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2015;”.  
 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9502(e)(2) of such Code is amended by striking “October 1, 2015” and inserting “April 1, 2016”.

**SEC. 202. EXTENSION OF TAXES FUNDING AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND.**

(a) **FUEL TAXES.**—Section 4081(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”. 26 USC 4081.

(b) **TICKET TAXES.**—

(1) **PERSONS.**—Section 4261(k)(1)(A)(ii) of such Code is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

(2) **PROPERTY.**—Section 4271(d)(1)(A)(ii) of such Code is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

(c) **FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS.**—

(1) **TREATMENT AS NON-COMMERCIAL AVIATION.**—Section 4083(b) of such Code is amended by striking “October 1, 2015” and inserting “April 1, 2016”.

(2) **EXEMPTION FROM TICKET TAXES.**—Section 4261(j) of such Code is amended by striking “September 30, 2015” and inserting “March 31, 2016”.

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