

Public Law 99-435  
99th Congress

An Act

Oct. 2, 1986  
[S. 2703]

To amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to provide that prohibitions of discrimination against handicapped individuals shall apply to air carriers.

Air Carrier  
Access Act of  
1986.  
49 USC app.  
1301 note.  
49 USC app.  
1374.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Air Carrier Access Act of 1986".*

SEC. 2. (a) Section 404 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1374) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS

"(c)(1) No air carrier may discriminate against any otherwise qualified handicapped individual, by reason of such handicap, in the provision of air transportation.

"(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection the term 'handicapped individual' means any individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment."

(b) That portion of the table of contents of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 which appears under the side heading

"Sec. 404. Rates for carriage of persons and property."

is amended by adding at the end thereof:

"(c) Prohibition on discrimination against handicapped individuals."

SEC. 3. Within one hundred and twenty days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall promulgate regulations to ensure non-discriminatory treatment of qualified handicapped individuals consistent with safe carriage of all passengers on air carriers.

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Regulations.  
49 USC app.  
1374 note.

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