



PILOT PROTECTION SERVICES

What is the Status of the AOPA/EAA 3rd Class Medical Exemption?

On our “Flying Over 50” webinar this month, a number of people requested an update on the exemption request. I checked in with Rob Hackman, of AOPA Regulatory Affairs, who is spearheading this effort.

Rob gave me the following update:

Formally, we’ve heard nothing from the FAA regarding the Exemption request. Informally, we’ve made inquiries and as of last week we were told that they are still evaluating the 16,000 plus comments they received. At EAA AirVenture-Oshkosh 2012, the Federal Air Surgeon said not to expect anything until the end of first quarter this year, at the earliest. The FAA did include a note regarding the Exemption in their last issue of Safety Briefing Magazine. While it doesn’t say anything about next steps or timing, it is good to see them acknowledge it in their publication.

For more information on the exemption request, visit us online.

Blue Skies,
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