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Air Travel Updates

EDWARDSVILLE, IL, August 28, 2010 - Vicki Rolens, managing director for the Federation of American Consumers and Travelers (FACT), has notified that association's members that more changes affecting air travel are coming.

Among the changes, she says:

Increased charges for the use of passenger facilities. Ticket taxes will go up by as much as one-third to help defray the costs of airport construction.

More stringent rules concerning pilot training. More hours of flight training will be required, and there will be tougher rules concerning pilot fatigue. There will also be a database to allow for deeper checks into pilots' backgrounds before they're hire.

More inspectors for beefed-up oversight of foreign repair stations.

Higher ticket prices for prime travel times. An appeals court ruling gives airports the right to charge airlines higher landing fees at peak travel times.

"Directly or indirectly," says Rolens, "all of the above items will filter down to the consumer in the form of higher ticket prices."

She adds: "The Department of Transportation is now pondering rules that will force carriers to list all charges up front when showing their fares. Under the proposed rules, you'll still be paying more for a ticket than you'd pay today but you'll have the 'comfort' of knowing why."

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