

## S 1118

### Aviation Empowerment Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Apr 14, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Apr 14, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1118>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1124	Related bill	Apr 14, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### Summary (as of Apr 14, 2021)

#### Aviation Empowerment Act

This bill modifies regulations for pilots within the aviation sector, including pilots who wish to share certain expenses or receive compensation for specified flights.

Specifically, the bill directs the the Department of Transportation to issue regulations authorizing (1) a pilot who wants to share aircraft operating expenses to communicate with the public regarding an aircraft flight; and (2) a pilot who has a private pilot certificate to receive compensation for flying persons or property, and not be subject to certain common carrier or commercial airliner regulations as long as the private pilot flies an aircraft with eight or fewer seats.

It also sets forth definitions for the terms *common carrier* and *personal operator* as they relate to the aviation industry.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 14, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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