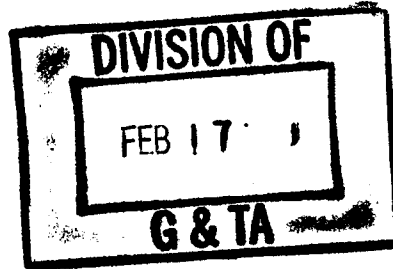




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Mr. Dennis E. Roberts
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is in response to your September 14, 1999, letter on behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in which you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to amend §§ 61.19, 61.195, 61.197, and 61.199 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations. The change you request would (1) eliminate the 24-month expiration date from the flight instructor certificate and replace it with an expiration of privileges of a similar duration and (2) provide for a 3-month grace period after expiration of flight instructor privileges in which a flight instructor may complete a flight instructor refresher clinic to reinstate his or her privileges.

The FAA is considering undertaking related action in the area of the rules that you recommend changing. Because rulemaking action is being considered in this area, your petition will not be addressed as a separate action. Therefore your petition is denied. However, your comments will be considered during this rulemaking process. Accordingly, Docket No. 29775 is being closed.

Sincerely,

L. Nicholas Lacey
Director, Flight Standards Service