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## Memorandum

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and AMA-620  
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### **PFC 12-69.1. Changes to Passenger Facility Charge Processes and Procedures as a result of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 .**

Although not comprehensive, there were minor changes to the PFC program in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-95, February 14, 2012). The provisions in the law are self-implementing and do not require rulemaking.

**PFC 12-69.2. Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) Defined.** This provision revises the definition of Passenger Facility Charge by replacing the term Passenger Facility Fee with Passenger Facility Charge. This is a technical change to the statute and does not result in a change to either the PFC regulation, 14 CFR 158, or to program guidance.

**PFC 12-69.3. Pilot program for PFC authorization at non-hub airports.** This provision amends section 40117(l) "Pilot Program for PFC Authorizations at Nonhub Airports" to eliminate the sunset date of the pilot program, thereby making the program permanent. FAA implemented the non-hub program in Program Update 05-49.07.

**PFC 12-69.4. Correction of references.** This provision changes the references in all of section 40117 from the term "Passenger Facility Fee" to "Passenger Facility Charge." This is a technical change to the statute and does not result in a change to either the PFC regulation, 14 CFR 158, or to program guidance as these already use the term "Passenger Facility Charge."

**PFC 12-69.5. GAO Study of alternative means of collecting PFCs.** This provision requires the Comptroller General of the United States through the General

Accountability Office (GAO) to study alternative means for collecting passenger facility charges without including the PFC in the ticket price.

**PFC 12-69.6. Qualifications-based selections.** This provision indicates the sense of Congress that airports should consider the use of qualifications-based selection when carrying out projects using PFCs. FAA encourages Public Agencies to consider using qualification-based selection procedures in connection with projects funded with PFCs. This does not affect existing requirements for projects funded in part with Airport Improvement Program grants.