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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Transportation Security Administration**

**Intent to Request Revision From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Flight Crew Self-Defense Training—Registration and Evaluation**

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

**ACTION:** 60-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1652–0028, abstracted below, that we will submit to OMB for revision in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection involves requesting information from flight and cabin crew members of air carriers to verify employment status to confirm eligibility to participate in voluntary advanced self-defense training provided by TSA. Each crew member will also be required to complete an electronic Injury Waiver Form. Additionally, each participant is asked to complete an anonymous course evaluation at the conclusion of the training.

**DATES:** Send your comments by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be e-mailed to [TSAPRA@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:TSAPRA@tsa.dhs.gov) or delivered to the TSA PRA Officer, Office of Information Technology (OIT), TSA-11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598-6011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina A. Walsh at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227-2062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation will be made available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> upon its submission to OMB. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to--

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consistent with the requirements of Executive Order (EO) 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs, and EO 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, TSA is also requesting comments on the extent to which this request for information could be modified to reduce the burden on respondents.

## **Information Collection Requirement**

*OMB Control Number 1652-0028, Flight Crew Self-Defense Training—*

*Registration and Evaluation.* TSA is seeking a revision of the ICR, currently approved under OMB control number 1652-0028, to continue compliance with a statutory mandate. Under 49 U.S.C. 44918(b), TSA is required to develop and provide a voluntary advanced self-defense training program for flight and cabin crew members of air carriers providing scheduled passenger air transportation.

TSA must collect specific information in order to provide the program to eligible participants as well as assess training quality. This information includes limited biographical information from flight and cabin crew members to confirm their eligibility to participate in this training. TSA uses the information to confirm the eligibility of the participant by contacting the participant's employer.

TSA currently collects the following information at the time of registration online: name of the crew member, airline affiliation, position, crew member airline identification (ID) number, crew member contact information (home mailing address, last four digits of the crew member's social security number (SSN), home telephone number and/or email address), and the city and state of the TSA Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshals Service (OLE/FAMS) field office where the course will be taken. Upon attending class, crew members are asked to show ID to verify their identity against registration records and to sign the class attendance roster. TSA also asks trainees to complete a voluntary TSA training evaluation form. Trainees are not required to identify themselves on the evaluation form.

TSA is revising this information collection to no longer include the collection of the last four digits of the SSN from crew members. TSA is also revising this information collection to include an electronic Injury Waiver Form. Each crew member will be asked to complete an Injury Waiver Form during the registration process, or before the training is conducted. The Injury Waiver Form requests the employee's airline, airline ID number, signature, and date, and is intended to limit any liability to TSA or its facilities should a crew member become injured during the training. Further, TSA is revising the information collection to update the attendance roster to add a "training complete" column. Finally, TSA is revising the information collection to replace the evaluation form with an electronic feedback tab. At the completion of the course, participants may assess the quality of the training off-site, on their own time, by clicking on the electronic feedback link, located on the registration site, to provide their anonymous and voluntary comments. This revision is necessary so that TSA may continue to provide the program to eligible participants as well as assess training quality.

The estimated number of annual respondents is 3,400 and estimated annual burden is 595 hours. TSA plans to graduate at least 1,700 crew members during each year of the program, an increase of 700 from the 2015 ICR submission. TSA estimates, the online registration requires five (5) minutes and the injury waiver and class roster sign-in process requires one (1) minute per crew member. This amounts to 311.67 hours [(3,400 crew members x 5 minutes) + (1,700 crew members x 1 minute)]. Although utilizing the course Feedback tab is strictly voluntary, TSA estimates ten (10) minutes per crew member for those who complete the evaluation. Assuming everyone participates,

this amounts to a total of 283.33 hours (1,700 crew members x 10 minutes). TSA estimates the total annual hours for this information collection to be 595 hours (311.67 + 283.33).

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