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New Pilot Rules Impacted All Carriers

Pilots Required Before and After FAA Rule Change
Before and After January 2014

- **Network**
  - Before: 41,100
  - After: 44,300

- **Regional**
  - Before: 17,000
  - After: 18,300

- **Low Cost**
  - Before: 5,900
  - After: 6,400

- **Others**
  - Before: 2,300
  - After: 2,500

- 5,200 Pilots Needed Overnight
- Pilot “Food Chain” Hurt the Smaller Airlines

Source: University of North Dakota/Regional Airline Association
14,000 Pilots Face Retirement by 2022

Cumulative Number of US Mainline Airline Pilots Reaching Retirement Age
Projected for Calendar Year 2016 – Calendar Year 2022

Regionals Currently Employ 17,000 Pilots

Source: University of North Dakota/Regional Airline Association
Fewer Students Want to Be Pilots

Air Transport Pilot (ATP) Certificates Issued in the US
Calendar Year 1979 - Calendar Year 2014

- Pilots Graduating with ATP Have Declined 56% Since 1979
- Perception of Low Earning Potential
- Median Pilot Income: $114,000/Yr
- Median in US: $35,000/Yr

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Thank You

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