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Comments: Visit just about any small airport or flight school and one can easily see that General Aviation is in a terrible recession. The costs associated with obtaining a private pilot's license are prohibitive for the average individual. Passing the Sport Pilot Rule will enable many individuals to receive cost-effective training for the specific type of aircraft they are interested in flying. Even more important is that the medical requirement of a valid driver's license remain intact in the final rule. The present medical requirements for a third class medical or greater are restrictive to the extent that even the slightest medical variance can result in lengthy delays (often many months) in obtaining a pilot's medical certificate. These lengthy delays add great costs and frustration to the already costly proposition of flying even the most simple of aircraft. If general aviation is to survive, it is time to make the changes found in the Sport Pilot Proposal. What worked decades ago is no longer working now.

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