

Fine for Airplane Drunkenness May Rise

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The Transportation Ministry has proposed substantially increasing the fine for violating rules on board airplanes, trains and boats.

The law would be applied in instances of "failure to comply with authorities on board an aircraft or with orders given by the captain," including orders to stop drinking alcohol or disturbing other passengers, Kommersant reported.

The current proposal would increase the fine by up to 10 times to 50,000 rubles (\$1,700), with an alternative punishment of 15 days' administrative arrest.

The current maximum punishment is 5,000 rubles or 15 days in jail.

The ministry has also proposed increasing fines for smoking, improper disposal of trash and violations of rules for the use of photography and video equipment in train cars, on sea vessels and on board aircraft.

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