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Section 40113(a) empowers the Secretary of Transportation (or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration with respect to aviation safety duties and powers designated to be carried out by the Administrator) to take action he/she considers necessary to carry out this part, including conducting investigations, prescribing regulations, standards and procedures, and issuing orders.

Section 44701 empowers the Administrator to promote safety by prescribing minimum safety standards and regulations necessary for safety in air commerce. It also empowers the Administrator to grant an exemption from a requirement of a regulation‑if it is in the public interest.

Section 44702(a) specifies that applications shall be as the Administrator prescribes as to form, content, retention, and manner served.

Section 44703 specifically empowers the Administrator to issue airman certificates to properly qualified persons.