

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Crews

Existing law authorizes airport districts, airport authorities, and other political subdivisions, including the N.O. Aviation Bd., to adopt regulations, set charges, fees, and tolls, enforce payment, and fix penalties for violations at airports or landing fields, provided that such authority may not be used to discriminate against any legitimate aviation interest.

New law retains existing law and adds an exemption under new law.

New law provides that no person or entity may use information broadcast or collected by automatic dependent surveillance–broadcast (ADS-B) systems as a basis for calculating, generating, or collecting fees or taxes from aircraft owners or operators for aircraft operating within the geographic boundaries of the state.

New law defines "aircraft" for purposes of new law as having the same meaning as provided in R.S. 2:1, except that the aircraft must have a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 12,499 pounds or less and which are operated under federal law (14 CFR Part 91 or 14 CFR Part 141).

New law defines "automatic dependent surveillance–broadcast" as an advanced aviation surveillance technology that combines an aircraft's position with ground infrastructure to create an accurate surveillance interface between an aircraft and air traffic control, and consists of two services, ADS-B In and ADS-B Out, which can provide information such as an aircraft's global positioning system location, altitude, ground speed, and other data to ground stations and other aircraft, as well as weather and traffic information to aircraft operators.

New law requires a penalty for any violation of new law of not more than \$500 per occurrence.

Existing law specifies that the provisions of existing law do not affect the provisions of the England Economic and Industrial Development District (R.S. 33:130.351 through 130.359).

New law relocates but otherwise retains existing law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 2:135.1(A)(2) and (P); Adds R.S. 2:135.1(Q))