

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1175

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Provides with respect to definitions pertaining to aeronautics

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 2:1(28) through (36), relative to aerospace facilities and aerospace activities;
3 to provide for definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to alphabetize
4 and renumber definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 2:1(28) through (36) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1. Definitions

9 For the purposes of this Title, the following definitions shall apply:

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11 (28) "Aerospace facility" includes the following:

12 (a) An area intended to be used for aerospace flight activities.

13 (b) An aerospace building or facility located in an area reasonably proximate
14 to a launching or landing area.

15 (c) An area reasonably proximate to a vehicle or craft in an area that is
16 intended for use for an aerospace building or facility.

17 (d) Any property, including a temporary protection zone necessary to ensure
18 public safety related to the conduct of aerospace flight activities.

19 (29) "Aerospace flight activities" means any act or activity related to the
20 research, development, testing, manufacture, preparation, launch, operation, reentry,

1 descent, landing, or post-landing recovery of a launch vehicle, craft, payload, or
2 related equipment, including but not limited to fueling, integration, conditioning,
3 transport, and any associated ground support operations, whether conducted on-site
4 or involving overflight.

5 (30) "Aerospace flight entity" means any person, corporation, partnership,
6 limited liability company, or other entity that conducts space flight activities and, to
7 the extent required by federal law, holds or operates anywhere under a valid Federal
8 Aviation Administration license, experimental permit, or other authorization for the
9 relevant activities requiring such a license. The term includes any employee,
10 officer, director, agent, contractor, manufacturer, supplier, or vendor of such entity;
11 any owner or lessor of real property used for space flight activities; and any political
12 subdivision or public entity with a contractual or operational relationship facilitating
13 such activities.

14 (31) "Aerospace flight participant" means an individual carried aboard a
15 craft or vehicle.

16 (32) "Aerospace flight participant injury" means an injury sustained by an
17 aerospace flight participant, including bodily injury, emotional distress, death,
18 disability, property damage, or any other loss arising from the individual's
19 participation in aerospace flight activities.

20 (33) "Craft" means any object and its components designed to be launched
21 for operation, and any subcomponents of the launch vehicle specifically designed or
22 adapted for that object.

23 (34) "Crew" means a human being who performs activities relating to the
24 launch or other operation of or in a craft or vehicle.

25 (35) "Launch" means a placement or attempted placement of a launch
26 vehicle or craft.

27 (36) "Launch vehicle" means any vehicle and its stages or components
28 designed to operate in or place craft.

1 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to
2 alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 2:1 and to correct any cross-
3 references to the renumbered paragraphs if necessary, consistent with the provisions of this
4 Act.

5 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
9 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides definitions relative to aerospace facilities and aerospace activities.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law retains present law and defines "aerospace facility", "aerospace flight activities", "aerospace flight entity", "aerospace flight participant", "aerospace flight participant injury", "crew", "craft", "launch", and "launch vehicle".

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in present law and proposed law and to correct any cross-references that may need to be changed as a result of this renumbering.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 2:1(28)-(36))