

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 514

BY SENATOR OWEN

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides relative to Department of Transportation and Development aeronautic activities. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:5 and 6(A) and (B)(1), relative to the Department of
3 Transportation and Development aeronautic activities; to provide for the office of
4 multimodal commerce; to provide for delegation of powers; to provide for
5 aeronautics and aviation; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 2:5 and 6(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §5. Duties of Department of Transportation and Development; aeronautic activities;
10 exceptions

11 The ~~secretary and employees of the department designated by him~~
12 **commissioner of the office of multimodal commerce or his designee** shall
13 supervise and direct all aeronautic activities and facilities, ~~except those activities~~
14 ~~pertaining to aircraft registration, identification, equipment, and enforcement~~
15 ~~delegated to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his~~
16 ~~designee~~. Unless specified, all licenses, orders, rules, and regulations pertaining to
17 aeronautics shall bear the ~~secretary's~~ **commissioner's** signature, or the signature of

1 employees designated by him to sign such licenses, orders, rules, or regulations; and
 2 the ~~secretary~~ **commissioner** shall insure that all rules and regulations of the
 3 department pertaining to aeronautics are obeyed. He shall direct investigations with
 4 respect to aeronautic activities. He, and any employee designated by him, may
 5 ~~administer oaths when necessary in the discharge of official duties and may~~ affix his
 6 jurat to any license or document pertaining to the promotion or regulation of
 7 aviation, whether state or federal, ~~concerning which oath is to be made.~~

8 §6. Powers and duties of the department; promulgation of rules and regulations
 9 pertaining to aeronautics

10 A. The department shall foster air commerce within the state of Louisiana
 11 and the department shall have supervision over the aeronautical activities and
 12 facilities, which authority shall include supervision and control over all airports,
 13 landing fields, landing strips, ~~air instruction, air marking,~~ air beacons, and all other
 14 **nonfederal** air-navigation facilities.

15 B.(1) Accordingly, the department may prescribe such reasonable rules and
 16 regulations as it deems necessary and advisable:

17 (a) For the public safety and for the promotion of aeronautics governing the
 18 designing, laying out, location, building, equipping, operation, and use of all airports,
 19 landing fields, or landing strips;

20 ~~(b) Governing the curriculum, equipment, personnel, and operation and~~
 21 ~~management of all air instruction;~~

22 ~~(c) For the purpose of protecting the health and safety of students receiving~~
 23 ~~or to receive such instruction of student aviators;~~

24 ~~(d)~~**(b)** For the public safety and safety of those engaged in aeronautics;

25 ~~(e)~~**(c)** For the promotion of aeronautics governing the establishment, location,
 26 maintenance, and operation of all ~~air markings,~~ air beacons, and other air-navigation
 27 facilities.

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