

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1175

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:1(2), (3), (6) through (10), (16), (21), and (23) and to enact  
3 R.S. 2:1(28) through (36), relative to aerospace facilities and aerospace activities; to  
4 provide for definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to alphabetize and  
5 renumber definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 2:1(2), (3), (6) through (10), (16), (21), and (23) are hereby amended  
9 and reenacted and R.S. 2:1(28) through (36) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1. Definitions

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

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13 (2) "Aeronautics" means ~~the act or practice of the art and science of~~  
14 ~~transportation by~~ any activity that involves, makes possible, or is required for the  
15 operation of an aircraft, or that contributes to or is required for the safety of such  
16 operation, including and the research, development, testing, operation operations,  
17 manufacture, construction, repair, or maintenance of aircraft, airports, landing fields,  
18 landing strips, air navigation facilities, or air instruction.



1 areas and efficient operation ~~thereof~~; and all areas necessary to ensure the safety of  
2 the aeronautical activities conducted therein.

3 (10) "Airport hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth, or use  
4 of land, which obstructs the air space required for the flight of aircraft in landing,  
5 launching, or taking off at any airport or restricted landing area or is otherwise  
6 hazardous to such landing, launch, or taking off.

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8 (16) "Director" means the ~~Assistant Secretary, Office of Aviation~~, secretary  
9 of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

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11 (21) "Political subdivision" means any parish, city, town, village, city and  
12 parish, public corporation, district, or other political entity ~~or public corporation~~ of  
13 this state.

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15 (23) "Restricted landing area" means any area of land, water, or both, which  
16 is used or is made available for the landing, launch, and takeoff of aircraft, the use  
17 of which shall, except in case of emergency, be only as provided from time to time  
18 by the department.

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

21 (a) An area intended to be used for aerospace flight activities for the transport  
22 of goods or persons.

23 (b) An area intended to be used for aerospace flight activities.

24 (c) An aerospace building or facility located in an area reasonably proximate  
25 to a launching or landing area.

26 (d) An area reasonably proximate to a launch vehicle or aerospace craft in  
27 an area that is intended for use for an aerospace building or facility.

28 (e) Any property, including a temporary protection zone, necessary to ensure  
29 public safety related to the conduct of aerospace flight activities.

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1           (29) "Aerospace flight activities" means any act or activity related to the  
2           research, development, testing, manufacture, preparation, launch, operation, reentry,  
3           descent, landing, or post-landing recovery of a launch vehicle, aerospace craft,  
4           payload, or related equipment, including but not limited to fueling, integration,  
5           conditioning, transport, and any associated ground support operations, whether  
6           conducted on-site or involving overflight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_