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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1071

Introduced by: Representatives Johnson (David), Anderson, Borglum, Chase, Diedrich, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Hammock, Mills, Peterson (Kent), Schoenfish, Steele, and Willadsen and Senators Curd, Cammack, Kolbeck, Partridge, Rusch, Soholt, and Wismer

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise and repeal provisions regarding aviation.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 50-1-1 be amended to read:

4 50-1-1. Terms as used in this title mean:

5 (1) ~~"Aeronautical information manual," the official guide to aviation and flight activity~~  
6 ~~in the United States, including airspace, air traffic control procedures, and other~~  
7 ~~procedures related to flight safety as published by the Federal Aviation~~  
8 ~~Administration;~~

9 ~~—(2)—~~ "Aeronautics," the science, art, and physics of flight. The term also means the method  
10 or act of construction, repair, or maintenance of airports, airport facilities, aircraft,  
11 and aviation facilities;

12 ~~—(3)—~~ "Air traffic," aircraft operating in the air or on an airport surface other than a loading  
13 ramp and parking area;

14 ~~(4)~~(2) "Air traffic control," a service operated by an authority under ~~FAA~~ Federal Aviation



1            Administration oversight to promote the safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of air  
2            traffic in the United States;

3            ~~(5)~~(3) "Aircraft," a device that is used, intended to be used, or designed for flight in the air.

4            The term includes any airplane, balloon, civil aircraft, drone, glider, helicopter, and  
5            public aircraft;

6            ~~(6)~~ "Airplane," ~~an engine-driven fixed-wing aircraft, heavier than air, that is supported~~  
7            ~~in flight by the dynamic reaction of the air against the aircraft's wings;~~

8            (4)    "Aircraft dealer," any person, manufacturer, or distributor engaged in the business of  
9            buying, selling, exchanging, or acting as a broker for three or more aircraft in any  
10           twelve consecutive months, other than a business liquidation of used aircraft;

11           ~~(7)~~(5) "Airport," any area of land or water used, or intended to be used, for landing and  
12           take-off of aircraft, and any appurtenant area, structure, facility, or right of way to  
13           facilitate that use. The term includes any military airport, private airport, public  
14           airport, and temporary airport;

15           ~~(8)~~ "Anemometer," ~~an instrument for measuring and recording the speed of the wind for~~  
16           ~~purposes of documenting whether a site has wind resources sufficient for the~~  
17           ~~operation of a wind turbine generator;~~

18           (6)    "Airport authority," any regional airport authority created under this chapter;

19           (7)    "Airport facility," any structure, mechanism, light, beacon, marker, communicating  
20           system, or other instrumentality or device used as an aid to the safe taking off and  
21           landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport,  
22           and which is not owned or operated by the federal government;

23           (8)    "Airport hazard," any existing or potential condition that can endanger the life or  
24           property of a user of an airport or any occupant of land in the vicinity of an airport,

1 and which can lead to damage to or loss of airport system equipment or property or  
2 the environment;

3 (9) "Airport obstruction," any structure or obstacle, or use of land, that obstructs an aerial  
4 approach of an airport or is otherwise hazardous to the use of an airport by aircraft  
5 for landing or taking off;

6 (10) "Airport sponsor," a public agency, private owner, state entity, or other political  
7 subdivision that is associated with a public use airport facility and is a recipient of  
8 any federal airport improvement grant;

9 ~~(9)~~(11) "Anemometer tower," a structure, including any guy wire or accessory facility,  
10 on which an anemometer is mounted;

11 ~~(10)~~ "Aviation," the act, science, or practice of flight or transportation by aircraft;

12 ~~(11)~~(12) "Aviation facility," any airport facility that supports aviation activities,  
13 including any airport, heliport, and navigational aid;

14 ~~(12)~~(13) "Balloon," an aircraft that is not engine-driven, is lighter than air, and sustains  
15 flight through the use of gas buoyancy or an airborne heater;

16 ~~(13)~~(14) "Civil aircraft," any aircraft other than a public aircraft;

17 (15) "Commercial purpose," an aviation activity for profit that includes flight instruction,  
18 charter, air taxi, or rental, but does not include the substitution of a commercial use  
19 stamp for regular aircraft registration for the promotion of a business or other purpose  
20 that does not involve aviation;

21 ~~(14)~~(16) "Commission," the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission;

22 ~~(15)~~(17) "Controlled airspace," any airspace of specific and defined classifications and  
23 dimensions inside of which air traffic control services are provided;

24 ~~(16)~~(18) "Department," the ~~South Dakota~~ Department of Transportation;

1       ~~(17)~~(19)       "Drone," a small unmanned aircraft system;

2       ~~(18)~~       ~~"Federal Aviation Administration," the federal authority regulating any aspect of civil~~  
3                   ~~aviation in the United States, including air traffic management, construction and~~  
4                   ~~operation of any airport, and the certification of pilots, aviation personnel, and~~  
5                   ~~aircraft;~~

6       ~~(19)~~       ~~"Federal aviation regulations," the rules promulgated by the Federal Aviation~~  
7                   ~~Administration governing any aviation activity in the United States;~~

8       ~~(20)~~       ~~"Glider," an aircraft that is heavier than air, supported in flight by the dynamic~~  
9                   ~~reaction of the air against its lifting surfaces, and the flight of which does not depend~~  
10                  ~~principally on an engine;~~

11       ~~(21)~~       ~~"Helicopter," a type of aircraft that derives both lift and propulsion from one or more~~  
12                  ~~sets of horizontally revolving overhead rotors, is capable of moving vertically and~~  
13                  ~~horizontally, and for which the direction of motion is controlled by the pitch of the~~  
14                  ~~rotor blades;~~

15       ~~(22)~~(20)       "Heliport," an area of land, water, or a structural surface, used or intended for  
16                   use as a landing and take-off area for helicopters. The term includes both  
17                   public and private heliports;

18       ~~(23)~~(21)       "Military airport," any military air base, air station, airfield, or other area,  
19                   publicly or privately owned, that is designed, set aside, and operated by the  
20                   state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States, for civil or  
21                   national defense, or for any federal program relating to flight, or for the  
22                   operation of military aircraft, and used in the interest of the public for those  
23                   purposes;

24       ~~(24)~~(22)       "Navigational aid," any device external to an aircraft specifically intended to

1 assist a pilot in determining the aircraft's position and safe course;

2 (23) "Place of business," a permanent enclosed structure at which a permanent business  
3 of bartering, trading, or selling aircraft is carried out in good faith. The term does not  
4 include any residence, tent, stand, or any other temporary structure;

5 ~~(25)~~(24) "Prescribed adjusted height," a height adjusted upward seventeen feet for an  
6 interstate highway, fifteen feet for any other public road, ten feet or the height  
7 of the highest mobile object that would normally traverse the road, whichever  
8 is greater, for a private road, and twenty-three feet for a railroad;

9 ~~(26)~~(25) "Private airport," any privately owned airport that is available for use only by  
10 the owner and the owner's invitees;

11 (26) "Project," any airport operated by an authority, including any real and personal  
12 property, structure, machinery, equipment, or appurtenance or facility that is part of  
13 the airport or used in connection with the airport either as a ground facility for the  
14 convenience of handling aviation equipment, passengers, or freight, or as part of any  
15 aviation or air safety operation;

16 (27) "Public aircraft," any aircraft, including military aircraft, used exclusively in the  
17 governmental service of any state or territory of the United States;

18 (28) "Public airport," any airport, whether publicly or privately owned, that is available  
19 to the public for aviation activity;

20 (29) ~~"Structure" any object constructed by human action;~~

21 ~~—(30)—~~ "Small unmanned aircraft system" or "sUAS," any unmanned aircraft and its  
22 associated elements that is operated without the possibility of direct human  
23 intervention from within or on the aircraft, and that weighs not more than fifty-five  
24 pounds, including anything that is onboard or otherwise attached to the aircraft;



1 Section 5. That § 50-2-15 be amended to read:

2 50-2-15. The commission, when its state aircraft are not being used in the conduct of the  
3 necessary activities of the ~~Department of Transportation~~ department, may operate the aircraft  
4 for other departments of ~~the state government of South Dakota~~ this state. The rate of  
5 reimbursement to the department shall be set by the Board of Finance, to fully defray the cost  
6 and expenses of rendering the service under this section.

7 Section 6. That § 50-4-1 be amended to read:

8 50-4-1. The department shall assist in the development of aviation and aviation facilities  
9 within ~~the~~ this state ~~for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of those engaged in all phases~~  
10 ~~of the industry and of the general public, and promoting aeronautics.~~

11 Section 7. That § 50-4-2 be amended to read:

12 50-4-2. The department may, ~~on behalf of and in the name of the state~~, out of appropriations  
13 and other ~~moneys~~ funds or grants made available ~~for such purposes~~, construct, ~~improve~~,  
14 maintain, ~~mark~~, and operate airports and ~~other~~ aviation facilities ~~either within or without this~~  
15 ~~state~~, and to financially assist ~~financially~~ counties, municipalities, and organized townships any  
16 county, municipality, or organized township in constructing, ~~improving~~, maintaining, marking,  
17 and operating airports and ~~other~~ aviation facilities ~~within or without the state~~. For such purposes  
18 ~~the~~. The department may exercise ~~all of the powers and~~ any power or authority conferred upon  
19 municipal corporations ~~by~~ under this title.

20 Section 8. That § 50-4-3 be amended to read:

21 50-4-3. The department may cooperate with ~~the government~~ any agency or department of  
22 the United States, ~~and any agency or department thereof~~, in the acquisition, construction,  
23 improvement, maintenance, and operation of airports and ~~other~~ aviation facilities in this state.

24 Section 9. That § 50-4-4 be amended to read:

1       50-4-4. The department may accept and receive federal ~~moneys grants~~ and other ~~moneys~~  
2 ~~funds~~, either public or private, for and on behalf of the state, ~~counties, or municipalities, any~~  
3 ~~county, or any municipality~~, for the acquisition, construction, ~~improvement~~, maintenance, and  
4 operation of airports and ~~other~~ aviation facilities, whether the work is to be done by the state,  
5 ~~counties, or municipalities~~ a county, or a municipality, or jointly, aided by grants ~~of aid~~ from  
6 the United States.

7       Section 10. That § 50-4-5 be amended to read:

8       50-4-5. The department shall act as an agent of any ~~county or municipality~~ airport sponsor  
9 of this state upon the request of the ~~county or municipality~~ airport sponsor, in accepting,  
10 receiving and receipting for any ~~moneys grants or funds~~ for airports or other aviation purposes,  
11 and in contracting for the acquisition, construction, ~~improvement~~, maintenance, or operation of  
12 airports or ~~other~~ aviation facilities, financed either in whole or in part by federal ~~moneys grants~~.  
13 The governing body of the ~~county or municipality~~ airport sponsor shall designate the department  
14 as its agent for ~~such~~ purposes of this section and ~~to~~ enter into an agreement with the department  
15 prescribing the terms and conditions of the agency.

16       Section 11. That § 50-4-6 be amended to read:

17       50-4-6. Any ~~moneys grant~~ paid by the United States government under ~~the provisions of~~  
18 § 50-4-4 or 50-4-5 shall be retained by the state or ~~paid over to the county or municipality~~  
19 appropriated to the airport sponsor under the terms and conditions imposed by the United States  
20 government in making the ~~grants~~ grant.

21       Section 12. That § 50-4-7 be amended to read:

22       50-4-7. ~~All contracts~~ Any contract for the acquisition, construction, ~~improvement~~,  
23 maintenance, and operation of airports, ~~or other~~ or aviation facilities made by the department,  
24 either as the agent of this state or as the agent of any ~~county or municipality~~ airport sponsor,



1 shall be made ~~pursuant to~~ in accordance with the laws of this state governing the making of like  
2 contracts.

3 Section 13. That § 50-4-8 be amended to read:

4 50-4-8. All ~~moneys~~ grants or funds accepted for disbursement by the department ~~pursuant~~  
5 ~~to~~ under §§ 50-4-3 to 50-4-7, inclusive, shall be deposited in the state treasury, and, unless  
6 otherwise prescribed by the authority from which the ~~money is~~ grants or funds are received, kept  
7 in separate funds, designated according to the purposes for which the ~~moneys~~ grants or funds  
8 were made available, and held by the state in trust for ~~such~~ those purposes. All ~~such moneys~~  
9 grants or funds are ~~hereby~~ continuously appropriated for the purposes for which the ~~same were~~  
10 grants or funds are made available, to be expended in accordance with those sections. The  
11 department may, whether acting for this state or as the agent of any ~~of its counties or~~  
12 ~~municipalities~~ airport sponsor, or if requested by ~~the~~ any department or agency of the United  
13 States ~~government or any agency or department thereof~~, disburse the ~~moneys~~ grants or funds for  
14 the their designated purposes, ~~but this does not preclude any other authorized method of~~  
15 ~~disbursement.~~

16 Section 14. That § 50-4-14 be amended to read:

17 50-4-14. The state aeronautics fund and the accumulations to the fund as appropriated by  
18 the Legislature may be used for ~~the following purposes:~~

- 19 (1) The construction, development, ~~lighting, marking,~~ and maintenance of ~~publicly~~  
20 ~~owned~~ public airports;
- 21 (2) The lighting, marking, and maintenance of runways, taxiways, and parking areas of  
22 ~~privately owned and operated~~ public airports licensed by the commission, in  
23 proportion to the amount of the aircraft fuel tax paid on the aircraft fuel purchased  
24 for resale for use in aircraft at each ~~privately owned and operated~~ public airport, as

1 nearly as practicable, as to each airport ~~it appears to the satisfaction of the~~  
 2 commission ~~that the airport is~~ deems to be operated and maintained in accordance  
 3 with the laws of this state, the rules of the commission, and the ~~standard~~ standards  
 4 established ~~for the airport~~ by any agency of the United States, and provided that the  
 5 unrestricted use of the airport; is at all times available to the general public for the  
 6 taking off and landing of aircraft;

7 (3) The matching of any funds made available by the United States, this state, or any of  
 8 the political subdivisions of this state for the purchase of sites for airports, and for the  
 9 construction, ~~lighting, and marking~~ development, and maintenance of ~~such~~ the  
 10 airports, in amounts ~~as~~ the commission may determine; and

11 (4) The paying of salaries, office expenses, traveling, and other expenses of ~~the~~  
 12 commission and ~~the~~ department staff to carry out the responsibilities defined in  
 13 chapter 50-2.

14 Section 15. That § 50-4-16 be amended to read:

15 50-4-16. The ~~commission~~ department shall make an allocation of a portion of the aircraft  
 16 fuel tax collected ~~pursuant to~~ under §§ 10-47B-1 and 10-47B-4, to each eligible airport. The  
 17 allocation rate shall be determined by the commission. The monthly allocation shall be  
 18 determined by the department from the monthly reports required by § 50-4-12, and be based as  
 19 nearly as practicable upon the amount of aircraft fuel tax collected on retail sales of aircraft fuel  
 20 sold at each eligible airport for use in general aviation aircraft. The amount of aircraft fuel tax  
 21 collected on aircraft fuel sales to ~~regular airlines~~ airport sponsors shall be allocated separately  
 22 by the department. ~~All~~ Any remaining aircraft fuel tax collected ~~pursuant to~~ under §§ 10-47B-1  
 23 and 10-47B-4; shall be placed in the aeronautics fund and be used by the commission as  
 24 provided in § 50-4-14.

1 Section 16. That § 50-5-1 be amended to read:

2 50-5-1. Any owner or operator of a public airport shall apply to the commission for approval  
3 for the public airport prior to its use. Any owner or operator of a private airport located within  
4 ~~two~~ six miles of the nearest boundary of any approved public airport shall apply to the  
5 commission for approval for the private airport prior to its use. The commission shall ~~consider~~  
6 ~~and either~~ approve or reject an application within sixty days of receipt of the completed  
7 application.

8 A person is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor if the person uses or operates a public airport  
9 or a private airport located within six miles of the nearest boundary of an approved public  
10 airport without the approval of the commission.

11 Section 17. That § 50-5-8 be amended to read:

12 50-5-8. The commission or the commission's agent may inspect and examine at reasonable  
13 hours, to carry out the provisions of this title, ~~any~~ the premises, ~~and the~~ buildings, and other  
14 structures ~~thereon~~, where ~~the~~ airports or ~~other~~ aviation facilities are operated.

15 Section 18. That § 50-7-1 be amended to read:

16 50-7-1. For the purposes of this chapter, the term, municipalities, includes organized  
17 townships and organized counties ~~and like~~, with any power and authority ~~is hereby to be~~  
18 conferred upon organized townships and organized counties as ~~now exists in~~ is conferred upon  
19 municipalities. ~~For the purposes of this chapter, the term, governmental agency, means any~~  
20 ~~municipality, county, public corporation, or other public agency.~~

21 Section 19. That § 50-7-2.2 be amended to read:

22 50-7-2.2. This state or any governmental agency of this state having any powers with respect  
23 to planning, ~~establishing, acquiring, developing,~~ constructing, ~~enlarging, improving,~~ and  
24 ~~maintaining, equipping, operating, regulating, or protecting airports or~~ aviation facilities within

1 this state, may exercise those powers within any state or jurisdiction adjoining this state, subject  
2 to the laws of that state or jurisdiction.

3 Section 20. That § 50-7-2.3 be amended to read:

4 50-7-2.3. Any state adjoining this state or any governmental agency ~~thereof may plan,~~  
5 ~~establish, acquire, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, and~~  
6 ~~protect airports and airport~~ of that state that plans or constructs aviation facilities within this  
7 state; are subject to the laws of this state applicable to airports and airport facilities. The  
8 adjoining state or governmental agency ~~shall have the power of~~ may exercise eminent domain  
9 in this state; ~~which shall be exercised~~ in the manner provided by the laws of this state ~~governing~~  
10 ~~condemnation proceedings. The power of.~~ An adjoining state may not exercise eminent domain  
11 ~~may not be exercised~~ within this state unless the adjoining state authorizes the exercise of ~~that~~  
12 ~~power therein~~ eminent domain within the adjoining state by this state or any governmental  
13 agency ~~thereof~~ of this state having ~~any of the powers mentioned in~~ under this section and § 50-  
14 7-2.2.

15 Section 21. That § 50-7-10 be amended to read:

16 50-7-10. The ~~governing body of any governmental agency~~ airport sponsor shall designate  
17 the department as the ~~body's~~ airport sponsor's agent to accept, receive, and receipt for federal  
18 ~~moneys~~ grants in the body's behalf for airport purposes, and to contract for the ~~acquisition~~  
19 ~~planning,~~ construction, ~~enlargement, improvement, and~~ maintenance, ~~equipment, or operation~~  
20 ~~of airports, or other~~ of aviation facilities. The ~~governmental agency~~ airport sponsor may enter  
21 into an agreement with the department prescribing the terms and conditions of the agency under  
22 this section. The federal ~~moneys~~ grants shall be paid to the ~~municipality or county~~ airport  
23 sponsor under ~~such~~ the terms and conditions ~~as may be~~ imposed by the United States  
24 government in making the grant.

1 Section 22. That § 50-7-11 be amended to read:

2 50-7-11. Any contract for the ~~acquisition~~ planning, construction, ~~enlargement, improvement,~~  
3 ~~and~~ maintenance, ~~equipment, or operation of any airport or of any other~~ aviation facility, made  
4 by the ~~governmental agency itself~~ airport sponsor, or through the agency of the department, shall  
5 be made ~~pursuant to~~ in accordance with the laws of this state governing the making of like  
6 contracts.

7 Section 23. That § 50-7-12 be amended to read:

8 50-7-12. The ~~governmental agency~~ airport sponsor that has established an airport and  
9 acquired, leased, or set apart real property for ~~such purpose~~ purposes of an airport may plan,  
10 construct, ~~improve, equip, and~~ maintain, ~~and operate~~ the ~~same~~ airport, and may lease or sublet  
11 the property for airport purposes. The expenses of the planning, construction, ~~improvement,~~  
12 ~~equipment, and~~ maintenance, ~~and operation~~ shall be a municipality or county charge as the case  
13 ~~may be~~ charged to the appropriate airport sponsor.

14 Section 24. That § 50-7-13 be amended to read:

15 50-7-13. The ~~governmental agency~~ airport sponsor that has established an airport and  
16 acquired, leased, or set apart real property for ~~such purpose~~ purposes of an airport may vest  
17 jurisdiction for the planning, construction, ~~improvement, equipment,~~ maintenance, and  
18 operation of the airport, in any suitable officer, board, or body of the ~~governmental agency~~  
19 airport sponsor. The ~~governmental agency~~ airport sponsor, if a county or municipality, may  
20 create by ordinance a board whose sole purpose shall be to improve, regulate, and supervise the  
21 operation and management of ~~air~~ airport facilities.

22 Section 25. That § 50-9-1 be amended to read:

23 50-9-1. Any A person or organization ~~who intends to construct or alter a structure shall~~  
24 ~~submit an application and obtain an approval permit from the commission for any construction~~

1 or alteration that:

2 ~~— (1) — Exceeds two hundred feet above ground level;~~

3 ~~— (2) — Is within twenty thousand feet of a state approved public airport or military airport~~  
4 ~~that has at least one runway more than three thousand two hundred feet in actual~~  
5 ~~length and the construction or alteration exceeds a one hundred to one surface ratio~~  
6 ~~from any point on the runway;~~

7 ~~— (3) — Is within ten thousand feet of a state approved public airport or military airport that~~  
8 ~~has its longest runway no more than three thousand two hundred feet in actual length~~  
9 ~~and the construction or alteration exceeds a fifty to one surface ratio from any point~~  
10 ~~on the runway;~~

11 ~~— (4) — Is within five thousand feet of a state approved public heliport and the construction~~  
12 ~~or alteration exceeds a twenty-five to one surface ratio; or~~

13 ~~— (5) — Is a highway, railroad, or other traverse way that the prescribed adjusted height~~  
14 ~~exceeds the standards provided in this section.~~

15 ~~No application is needed if the construction or alteration of a structure would be shielded by an~~  
16 ~~existing structure of a permanent and substantial character within the corporate limits of a~~  
17 ~~municipality or by natural terrain or topographic features of equal or greater height. It must be~~  
18 ~~evident beyond any reasonable doubt that the construction or alteration of the structure so~~  
19 ~~shielded does not adversely affect safety in aviation.~~

20 ~~— Any person or organization, who intends to construct or alter a structure that exceeds two~~  
21 ~~hundred feet above ground level and that is outside the zones described in this section and who~~  
22 ~~that has obtained a Federal Aviation Administration determination of no hazard, may shall~~  
23 ~~provide that the determination to the commission prior to the start of construction in lieu of the~~  
24 ~~application and permit required by this chapter or alteration of any structure that is subject to~~

1 the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration.

2 A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

3 Section 26. That § 50-9-4 be amended to read:

4 50-9-4. ~~Any~~ A person aggrieved by any action of the commission may appeal an action of  
5 the commission in the manner provided by law and the rules of practice and procedure adopted  
6 by the Supreme Court governing appeals from boards and commissions accordance with chapter  
7 1-26.

8 Section 27. That § 50-10-2 be amended to read:

9 50-10-2. ~~It is hereby found that an airport hazard endangers the lives and property of users~~  
10 ~~of the airport and of occupants of land in its vicinity, and also, if of the obstruction type, in~~  
11 ~~effect reduces the size of the area available for the landing, taking off and maneuvering of~~  
12 ~~aircraft, thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport and the public investment~~  
13 ~~therein. It is hereby declared:~~

14 ~~—(1)—~~ ~~That the~~ The creation or establishment of an airport hazard is a public nuisance and  
15 an injury to the community or the United States served by the airport ~~in question; and~~

16 ~~—(2)—~~ ~~That it is therefore necessary in the interest of the public health, public safety, and~~  
17 ~~general welfare that the creation or establishment of airport hazards~~ and shall be  
18 prevented in accordance with this chapter.

19 Section 28. That § 50-10-5 be amended to read:

20 50-10-5. Each ~~municipality, county, or other political subdivision~~ airport sponsor that is a  
21 municipality, county, or political subdivision of the state that has an airport layout plan; shall  
22 take measures for the protection of airport approaches, and shall adopt, administer, and enforce,  
23 under the police power and in the manner and upon the conditions prescribed by this chapter,  
24 airport zoning regulations applicable to the area.

1 Section 29. That § 50-10-6 be amended to read:

2 50-10-6. The regulations required by § 50-10-5 shall divide the ~~area~~ airport layout into  
3 zones, and, within ~~the zones~~ each zone, specify the land uses permitted, regulate and restrict the  
4 height to which structures and trees may be erected or allowed to grow, prohibit the obstruction;  
5 by lights, smoke, electronic devices, or any other means, of the safe operation of aircraft near  
6 airports, and impose ~~such~~ other restrictions and requirements as may be necessary ~~to effectuate~~  
7 ~~the layout plan for~~ for the protection of the airport. The existing and ultimate runway protection  
8 zone as depicted on the airport layout plan shall be zoned to exclude homes and structures ~~which~~  
9 that constitute a concentration of people ~~unless otherwise approved by the Federal Aviation~~  
10 Administration.

11 Section 30. That § 50-10-14 be amended to read:

12 50-10-14. The governing body of any political subdivision adopting airport zoning  
13 regulations under this chapter may delegate the duty of administering and enforcing the  
14 regulations to any administrative agency under its jurisdiction. ~~However, the~~ The administrative  
15 agency may not be or include any member of the board of appeals. ~~The duties of the~~  
16 ~~administrative agency shall include that of hearing and deciding all permits under § 50-10-10.~~  
17 ~~However, the~~ The agency may not have or exercise any of the powers delegated to the board of  
18 appeals.

19 Section 31. That § 50-10-15 be amended to read:

20 50-10-15. Airport zoning regulations adopted under this chapter shall provide for the  
21 appointment of a board of appeals to ~~have and exercise the following powers:~~

- 22 (1) ~~To hear~~ Hear and decide appeals from any order, requirement, decision, or  
23 determination made by the administrative agency in the enforcement of this chapter  
24 or of any ordinance adopted ~~pursuant thereto~~ under this chapter; and



1 (2) ~~To hear~~ Hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the ordinance upon which  
2 ~~such the~~ board may be required to pass under ~~such the~~ ordinance;

3 ~~—(3)— To hear and decide specific variances under § 50-10-11.~~

4 ~~Where~~ If a zoning board of appeals or adjustment already ~~exist~~ exists, it may be appointed  
5 as the board of appeals. ~~Otherwise, the~~ The board of appeals shall consist of five members, each  
6 ~~to be~~ appointed for a term of three years and ~~to be~~ removable for cause by the appointing  
7 authority upon written charges and after public hearing.

8 Section 32. That § 50-11-9 be amended to read:

9 50-11-9. The owner or lessee of an aircraft to be operated within this state shall, except as  
10 otherwise expressly provided, file with the department on a form furnished by the department,  
11 an application for registration of the aircraft. A person who fails to register an aircraft within  
12 thirty days after it is operated in this state is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. A person who  
13 knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in the application is guilty of a Class 5  
14 felony. This section does not apply to any sUAS.

15 Section 33. That § 50-11-19 be amended to read:

16 50-11-19. In addition to all other registration fees paid to the ~~Department of Transportation~~  
17 department, an additional original registration tax of four percent, based upon the purchase price  
18 of the aircraft, shall be paid to the ~~Department of Transportation in conjunction~~ department,  
19 along with the application for the original registration of an aircraft. ~~However, for the~~ For an  
20 initial registration of aircraft manufactured and used exclusively for agricultural ~~spraying, crop~~  
21 ~~dusting, seeding, fertilizing, or defoliating~~ purposes, the registration tax under this section is  
22 three percent.

23 Aircraft subject to the tax imposed by this chapter are exempt from taxes imposed by  
24 chapters 10-45 and 10-46. Aircraft used under a use stamp or dealer certificate, or engaged in

1 regularly scheduled flying consisting of an act of interstate or foreign commerce, are exempt  
2 from the taxes imposed by chapters 10-45 and 10-46.

3 Failure to pay the registration tax under this section within thirty days after an aircraft is  
4 operated in this state is a Class 2 misdemeanor. ~~In addition, failure~~ Failure to pay the registration  
5 tax within ninety days of the due date shall result in a civil penalty of one-half percent of the tax  
6 due for each month, or portion of the month, until the tax is paid in accordance with this chapter,  
7 not to exceed five percent of the tax due. A civil penalty imposed under this section shall be  
8 deposited into the aeronautics trust fund.

9 Section 34. That § 50-11-19.4 be amended to read:

10 50-11-19.4. The ~~Department of Transportation~~ department shall inform the Department of  
11 Revenue of the amount of credit granted ~~pursuant to~~ under § 50-11-19.3 on a quarterly basis.  
12 The Department of Revenue shall transfer to the ~~Department of Transportation~~ department, for  
13 deposit into the aeronautics fund, the amount of credit granted ~~pursuant to~~ under § 50-11-19.3.  
14 Transfers to the aeronautics fund shall be made on a quarterly basis.

15 Section 35. That § 50-11-22 be amended to read:

16 50-11-22. If an aircraft registered ~~in accordance with §§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-21, inclusive,~~  
17 under this chapter is sold or transferred, the person in whose name the aircraft is registered shall  
18 complete and sign the endorsement on the back of the certificate of registration as prescribed  
19 by the department and shall, within seven working days, forward to the department by mail a  
20 notice of the sale or transfer including the date and place ~~thereof~~ of the sale or transfer, and the  
21 name and address of the purchaser or transferee. ~~Failure to make the change of registration~~  
22 ~~within the time required by~~ A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A person who  
23 knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in the certificate of registration is guilty  
24 of a Class 5 felony.

1 Section 36. That § 50-11-23 be amended to read:

2 50-11-23. The purchaser or transferee ~~described by~~ under § 50-11-22 shall, within ~~thirty~~  
3 sixty days, apply to the department for the transfer of the registration of the aircraft to the  
4 purchaser's or transferee's name and the issuance of a new certificate of registration. ~~Failure to~~  
5 ~~change registration within the time required by~~ A violation of this section is a Class 2  
6 misdemeanor. A person who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in the  
7 application is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

8 The endorsed certificate of registration is void ~~thirty~~ sixty days after the date of the sale or  
9 transfer of ~~such~~ the aircraft.

10 Section 37. That § 50-11-25 be amended to read:

11 50-11-25. ~~The provisions of §§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-24, inclusive, do~~ This chapter does not  
12 apply to an any aircraft and airmen person operating such an aircraft, ~~which that~~ is owned by;  
13 ~~and or~~ used exclusively in the service of, ~~any government or any political subdivision thereof,~~  
14 ~~including the government of the United States, any state or political subdivision of the state,~~  
15 ~~territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia~~ which, and that is not  
16 engaged in carrying persons or property for commercial purposes.

17 Section 38. That § 50-11-26 be amended to read:

18 50-11-26. ~~The provisions of §§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-24, inclusive, do~~ This chapter does not  
19 apply to military aircraft and personnel of the United States government, or any aircraft and  
20 personnel licensed by a foreign country with which the United States has reciprocal relations,  
21 if the aircraft and personnel are not engaged in any intrastate commercial activity within this  
22 state.

23 Section 39. That § 50-11-27 be amended to read:

24 50-11-27. Any aircraft of any resident of another state, and any nonresident airmen person,

1 having complied with the registration requirements of that state, may be operated or operate  
2 within this state for a period of not more than ninety days in any one year without complying  
3 with ~~§§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-24, inclusive, this chapter~~ if the aircraft or ~~airmen~~ person is not  
4 engaged in any intrastate commercial activity within this state, and that under the laws of the  
5 state of ~~such persons'~~ the person's residence, like exemptions and privileges are granted to  
6 aircraft owned by residents of this state and resident ~~airmen~~ persons of this state duly registered  
7 under the laws of this state. A nonresident ~~within the meaning of the provisions of said sections~~  
8 under this section is a person who has not resided within this state for a period of ninety days.  
9 Failure to register after ninety days is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

10 Section 40. That § 50-11-28 be amended to read:

11 50-11-28. ~~The provisions of §§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-24, inclusive, do~~ This chapter does not  
12 apply to any aircraft, ~~and airmen or person~~ operating an aircraft, which is engaged in regularly  
13 scheduled flying constituting an act of interstate or foreign commerce.

14 Section 41. That § 50-11-29 be amended to read:

15 50-11-29. ~~The provisions of §§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-24, inclusive, do~~ This chapter does not  
16 apply to ~~an individual~~ any person operating model aircraft, balloons, gliders, or sUAS.

17 Section 42. That § 50-11-33 be amended to read:

18 50-11-33. ~~It is~~ A person is guilty of a Class 5 felony ~~for a~~ if the person to alter or forge, or  
19 ~~cause alters, forges, or causes~~ to be altered or forged, a certificate of registration or permit issued  
20 under ~~the authority of §§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-31, inclusive~~ this chapter, or an assignment or  
21 endorsement ~~thereof~~ of a certificate of registration or permit, or to hold or use ~~such a~~ certificate,  
22 assignment, or endorsement knowing it has been altered or forged.

23 Section 43. That § 50-11-35 be amended to read:

24 50-11-35. For aircraft leased ~~under an agreement of~~ for thirty-six calendar months or less,

1 the original registration tax of four percent, as required under § 50-11-19, applies only to the  
2 scheduled lease payments, excluding fuel, routine maintenance, insurance, and crew, ~~made in~~  
3 ~~money or otherwise~~ and shall be paid by the lessee at the time payments are made to the lessor.  
4 For aircraft leased for more than thirty-six calendar months, ~~either~~ by multiple short-term  
5 agreements or a long-term agreement, the original registration tax under § 50-11-19 shall be  
6 assessed on the market value of the aircraft at the time registration is due as stated in the aircraft  
7 bluebook and price digest. ~~This~~ The original registration tax ~~is the responsibility of~~ shall be paid  
8 by the owner of the aircraft. A copy of the lease agreement shall be provided to the ~~director~~  
9 department with the application for registration. If the lessee purchases the aircraft during the  
10 ~~time period of the lease, all moneys~~ any amount paid to the ~~Department of Transportation~~  
11 department for registration taxes under this chapter shall be credited to taxes required ~~in~~ under  
12 § 50-11-19. ~~Although the payment of taxes is based on the lease payments, the~~ The annual  
13 registration fee ~~provided for in~~ required under §§ 50-11-12 to and 50-11-14, inclusive, apply  
14 applies for each aircraft under lease.

15 Section 44. That chapter 50-12 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

16 An aircraft dealer's place of business shall have a business name, and the telephone listing  
17 shall indicate the business is an aircraft-related place of business. The structure of an aircraft  
18 dealer's place of business shall be used primarily as a place of business for the sale or  
19 commercial use of aircraft.

20 A licensed aircraft dealer may maintain a branch office or subagency in more than one  
21 location in this state, if the dealer obtains a separate license for each location. Each application  
22 for a branch office or subagency at any location other than the principal place of business shall  
23 be submitted in accordance with § 50-12-2.

24 Section 45. That § 50-12-5 be amended to read:

1        50-12-5. ~~The~~ A dealer's certificate issued under ~~the authority~~ of this chapter may be used  
2 only by a licensed aircraft dealer for aircraft owned or controlled by the dealer for the purposes  
3 of sale, resale, or flight instruction without charge ~~which is required to ensure proper check-out~~  
4 ~~time to a purchaser or the purchaser's pilot in the aircraft sold to the purchaser. The use of the~~  
5 Use of a certificate for any other purpose other than as permitted under this section is a Class  
6 2 misdemeanor.

7        Section 46. That § 50-12-7 be amended to read:

8        50-12-7. Upon the sale of any aircraft bearing an aircraft dealer's certificate, the dealer shall  
9 comply with §§ 50-11-22 and 50-11-23. If possession of ~~such an~~ aircraft is transferred to ~~the a~~  
10 new owner, the dealer shall ~~forthwith~~ deliver the aircraft dealer's certificate and ~~aircraft dealer~~  
11 sales affidavit to the department. The department shall hold the certificate until an application  
12 is received from the dealer for transfer to another aircraft. Any person who makes a false  
13 statement of a material fact on ~~the a sales~~ affidavit under this section is guilty of a Class 1  
14 misdemeanor. Failure to report aircraft purchases and sales as required under this chapter is  
15 punishable by a civil penalty equal to the annual registration fee as provided in § 50-11-12. A  
16 civil penalty imposed under this section shall be deposited into the aeronautics trust fund.

17        Section 47. That § 50-12-9 be amended to read:

18        50-12-9. Any aircraft ~~which has been~~ subject to registration under an aircraft dealer's  
19 certificate ~~and a commercial use stamp~~ for a period exceeding twenty-four months shall be  
20 registered in ~~compliance~~ accordance with §§ 50-11-12 and 50-11-19.

21        Section 48. That § 50-12-13 be amended to read:

22        50-12-13. The aircraft dealer's license as provided by § 50-12-3 expires on the thirty-first  
23 day of January of the second year next succeeding the calendar year in which it was issued. The  
24 ~~aircraft dealer's certificate as provided by § 50-12-6 and commercial use stamps as provided by~~

1 § 50-12-8 expire twenty-four months after they are issued ~~provided, if~~ a valid dealer's license  
2 is in effect. The ~~aircraft dealer's certificate and~~ commercial use stamp ~~expire~~ expires  
3 automatically if the aircraft dealer's license expires ~~as provided for pursuant to this section or~~  
4 the aircraft dealer no longer holds a valid aircraft dealer's license.

5 Section 49. That § 1-16J-7 be amended to read:

6 1-16J-7. For the purpose of protecting and promoting the economic impact of Ellsworth Air  
7 Force Base and associated industry, and to promote the health and safety of those living or  
8 working near the base, the authority may ~~exercise the following powers:~~

- 9 (1) Have perpetual succession as a body politic and corporate exercising essential public  
10 functions;
- 11 (2) Sue and be sued in its own name;
- 12 (3) Have an official seal and alter the seal at will;
- 13 (4) Maintain an office at ~~such places~~ any place within the state as the authority may  
14 designate;
- 15 (5) Make and execute contracts and all other instruments necessary or convenient for the  
16 performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers and functions under this  
17 chapter;
- 18 (6) Borrow money and accept gifts;
- 19 (7) Apply for and use gifts, grants, ~~or~~ loans of money, or other property from the United  
20 States, the state, a unit of local government, or any person, for any ~~authority~~ purposes  
21 of the authority, and to enter into agreements required in connection therewith with  
22 those purposes;
- 23 (8) Hold, use, and dispose of ~~such moneys~~ any gift, grant, loan, agreement, or property  
24 for any ~~authority~~ purposes of the authority in accordance with the terms of the gift,

- 1 grant, loan, ~~or agreement, or property~~;
- 2 (9) Employ fiscal consultants, engineers, attorneys, management service providers, and  
3 ~~such~~ other consultants and employees as may be required, and contract with agencies  
4 of the state to provide staff and support services;
- 5 (10) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property and other assets,  
6 including loans, bonds, and notes in ~~such~~ amounts and from ~~such~~ insurers as ~~it may~~  
7 ~~deem~~ the authority deems advisable;
- 8 (11) Hold, control, and acquire by donation or purchase any private or public easements,  
9 dedications to public use, platted reservations for private or public purposes, or any  
10 reservations for those purposes authorized by this chapter, and make use of such  
11 easements, dedications, or reservations for any of the purposes authorized by this  
12 chapter;
- 13 (12) Lease ~~as lessor or lessee~~ to or from any person, firm, limited liability company,  
14 corporation, association, or body, public or private, any projects of the type that the  
15 authority may undertake and facilities or property of any nature for the use of the  
16 authority to carry out any of the purposes authorized by this chapter;
- 17 (13) Borrow money and issue bonds, certificates, warrants, notes, or other evidence of  
18 indebtedness as ~~provided~~ authorized by this chapter;
- 19 (14) Procure insurance, letters of credit, guarantees, or other credit enhancement  
20 arrangements from any public or private ~~entities~~ entity, including any department,  
21 agency, or instrumentality of the United States or the state, for payment of all or any  
22 portion of any ~~bonds~~ bond issued by the authority, including the power to pay  
23 premiums, fees, or other charges on any ~~such~~ insurance, letters of credit, guarantees,  
24 or credit arrangements;



- 1 (15) Receive and accept from any source financial aid or contributions of ~~moneys~~ any  
2 grant, property, labor, or other things of value to be held, used, and applied to carry  
3 out the purposes of this chapter, subject to the conditions upon which the ~~grants or~~  
4 ~~contributions are~~ grant or contribution is made, including ~~gifts or grants~~ a gift or  
5 grant from any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States for any  
6 purpose consistent with ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter;
- 7 (16) To the extent permitted under its contract with the holders of bonds of the authority,  
8 consent to any modification with respect to the rate of interest, time, and payment of  
9 any installment of principal or interest, or any other term of any contract, loan, loan  
10 note, loan note commitment, contract, lease, or agreement of any kind to which the  
11 authority is a party;
- 12 (17) Make loans and grants to, and enter into financing agreements with, any  
13 governmental agency or any person for the costs incurred in connection with the  
14 development, construction, acquisition, improvement, maintenance, operation, or  
15 decommissioning of any ~~facilities~~ facility, or for the maintenance of the physical or  
16 structural integrity of real or personal property incorporated or which may be  
17 incorporated into ~~such facilities~~ the facility, in accordance with a written agreement  
18 between the authority and ~~such~~ the governmental agency or person. ~~However, no~~  
19 ~~such~~ A loan or grant made under this section may not exceed the total cost of ~~such~~  
20 ~~facilities~~ the facility as determined by the governmental agency or person, and  
21 approved by the authority;
- 22 (18) Cooperate with, and exchange services, personnel, and information with, any  
23 governmental agency or political subdivision;
- 24 (19) Enter into agreements for management on behalf of the authority of any of its

- 1 properties upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreeable;
- 2 (20) Sell, exchange, lease, donate, and convey any of its properties ~~whenever the authority~~  
3 ~~finds such action to be~~ in furtherance of the purposes for which it was the authority  
4 is organized;
- 5 (21) Purchase from a willing seller, construct, develop, maintain, hold, lease, license,  
6 operate, dispose of, or decommission real and personal property projects, facilities,  
7 or any undertaking necessary for establishing compatible land use, ~~as provided for~~  
8 ~~in subdivision 50-10-32(2)~~, around Ellsworth Air Force Base, or generally suitable  
9 for protecting or promoting the economic impact on the state of Ellsworth Air Force  
10 Base and related industries;
- 11 (22) Indemnify any person or governmental agency for ~~such~~ reasonable risks as the  
12 authority deems advisable if the indemnification is a condition of a grant, gift, or  
13 donation to the authority. ~~However, any such~~ Any obligation to indemnify may only  
14 be paid from insurance or from revenues of the authority, and ~~such~~ the obligation  
15 does not constitute a debt or obligation of ~~the State of South Dakota~~ this state;
- 16 (23) Acquire by eminent domain, in accordance with chapter 21-35, any private property  
17 that falls within the boundaries of Ellsworth Air Force Base, or property described  
18 in the 1994 United States Department of Defense approved Ellsworth Air Force Base  
19 Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study as a clear zone or an accident potential  
20 zone one or two, or property located within the noise contours identified by the study,  
21 but only as necessary for the authority's purposes to establish a compatible land use  
22 as provided for in the study;
- 23 (24) Cooperate with, or contract with, other governmental agencies or political  
24 subdivisions as may be necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection

1 with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized by this chapter; and

2 (25) Construct, purchase, license, lease, or operate a bulk wastewater treatment facility  
3 and pipelines necessary to contract for bulk treatment of wastewater generated by  
4 Ellsworth Air Force Base, the city of Box Elder, or other authorized sewer utilities  
5 generating wastewater in the Box Elder Creek watershed. ~~However, the~~ The authority  
6 may not provide wastewater treatment service to any property located within any  
7 municipality's subdivision jurisdiction as defined in §§ 11-6-26 and 9-4-14 without  
8 first obtaining the municipality's consent.

9 Section 50. That § 50-2-2.1 be repealed.

10 ~~50-2-2.1. The commission may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 regarding:~~

11 ~~(1) The design, layout, location, construction, operation, equipping, and use of all public~~  
12 ~~airports;~~

13 ~~(2) The establishment, location, maintenance, and operation of all navigational aids; and~~

14 ~~(3) The operation of aerial applicators or operators including minimum standards, class~~  
15 ~~definitions, and safety requirements.~~

16 Section 51. That § 50-5-4 be repealed.

17 ~~50-5-4. It is a Class 2 misdemeanor to use or operate a public airport or a private airport~~  
18 ~~located within two miles of the nearest boundary of an approved public airport without the prior~~  
19 ~~approval of the commission.~~

20 Section 52. That § 50-6A-1 be repealed.

21 ~~50-6A-1. Terms used in this chapter mean:~~

22 ~~(1) "Airport authority" or "authority," any regional airport authority created pursuant to~~  
23 ~~the provisions of this chapter;~~

24 ~~(2) "Airport facility," any facility, other than one owned and operated by the United~~

1 ~~States, used in, available for use in, or designed for use in aviation, including any~~  
2 ~~structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other~~  
3 ~~instrumentalities, or devices, used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage~~  
4 ~~or convenience, to the safe taking off and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient~~  
5 ~~operation or maintenance of an airport, or any combination of any or all of such~~  
6 ~~facilities;~~

7 ~~—(3)—"Airport hazard," any structure, object of natural growth, or use of land that obstructs~~  
8 ~~the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport or~~  
9 ~~is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft;~~

10 ~~—(4)—"Bonds," any bonds, notes, interim certificates, debentures, or similar obligations~~  
11 ~~issued by an authority pursuant to this chapter;~~

12 ~~—(5)—"Governing body," the official or officials authorized by law to exercise ordinance~~  
13 ~~or other lawmaking powers of a political subdivision;~~

14 ~~—(6)—"Person," a person as defined by subdivision 2-14-2(18) as well as any joint stock~~  
15 ~~association, or body politic; and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other~~  
16 ~~similar representative thereof;~~

17 ~~—(7)—"Political subdivision" or "subdivision," any county, municipality, or other public~~  
18 ~~body of this state;~~

19 ~~—(8)—"Project," any airport operated by an authority, including all real and personal~~  
20 ~~property, structures, machinery, equipment and appurtenances or facilities that are~~  
21 ~~part of the airport or used or useful in connection therewith either as ground facilities~~  
22 ~~for the convenience of handling aviation equipment, passengers and freight or as part~~  
23 ~~of aviation and air safety operations; and~~

24 ~~—(9)—"Real property," lands, structures and interests in land, including lands under water~~

1 and riparian rights, and any and all things and rights usually included within the term  
2 real property, including not only fee simple absolute but also any and all lesser  
3 interests, such as easements, rights of way, uses, leases, licenses, and all other  
4 incorporeal hereditaments and every estate, interest or right, legal or equitable,  
5 pertaining to real property.

6 Section 53. That § 50-9-2 be repealed.

7 ~~50-9-2. The commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, covering the~~  
8 ~~requirements that shall be met by any applicant to obtain the approval for the construction or~~  
9 ~~alteration of any structure which is not exempt from the requirements of § 50-9-1.~~

10 Section 54. That § 50-9-3 be repealed.

11 ~~50-9-3. The commission may, in its discretion, approve the application filed, as required by~~  
12 ~~§ 50-9-1 without a hearing. However, if the commission deems the erection of the structure to~~  
13 ~~create a hazard to the safe use of an airport by aircraft, or a public danger, or the department~~  
14 ~~finds the erection to be in violation of any of the rules authorized by § 50-9-2, the commission~~  
15 ~~shall assign the application for hearing upon reasonable notice to the applicant. The commission~~  
16 ~~may order and require the applicant to cease and desist from erecting the structure except in~~  
17 ~~conformity to plans and specifications relating to height thereof, approved by the commission.~~

18 Section 55. That § 50-9-5 be repealed.

19 ~~50-9-5. The erection or alteration of any structure covered by § 50-9-1 without the approval~~  
20 ~~of the commission is a Class 1 misdemeanor.~~

21 Section 56. That § 50-10-1 be repealed.

22 ~~50-10-1. Terms used in this chapter mean:~~

23 ~~(1) "Airport hazard," any structure, or tree, or use of land, which obstructs an aerial~~  
24 ~~approach of such an airport or is otherwise hazardous to its use for landing or taking~~

1           off;

2   ~~— (2) — "Person," any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, limited liability~~  
3           ~~company, association, joint stock association or body politic, including any trustee,~~  
4           ~~receiver, assignee, or other similar representative;~~

5   ~~— (3) — "Publicly owned," an airport is publicly owned if the portion of the airport used for~~  
6           ~~the landing and taking-off of aircraft is owned by a governmental body, political~~  
7           ~~subdivision, public agency, or other public corporation;~~

8   ~~— (4) — "Structure," any object constructed by human action;~~

9   ~~— (5) — "Tree," any object of natural growth.~~

10       Section 57. That § 50-10-10 be repealed.

11   ~~— 50-10-10. If advisable to facilitate the enforcement of zoning regulations adopted pursuant~~  
12   ~~to this chapter, a system may be established for granting permits to establish or construct new~~  
13   ~~structures and other uses and to replace existing structures and other uses or make substantial~~  
14   ~~changes therein or substantial repairs thereof. Before any nonconforming structure or tree may~~  
15   ~~be replaced, substantially altered or repaired, rebuilt, allowed to grow higher, or replanted, a~~  
16   ~~permit shall be secured from the administrative agency authorized to administer and enforce the~~  
17   ~~regulations, authorizing such replacement, change, or repair. No permit may be granted that~~  
18   ~~would allow the structure or tree in question to be made higher or become a greater hazard to~~  
19   ~~aviation than it was when the applicable regulation was adopted. If the administrative agency~~  
20   ~~determines that a nonconforming structure or tree has been abandoned or more than eighty~~  
21   ~~percent physically deteriorated, or decayed, no permit may be granted that would allow the~~  
22   ~~structure or tree to exceed the applicable height limit or otherwise deviate from the zoning~~  
23   ~~regulations. Except as indicated all applications for permits for replacement, change, or repair~~  
24   ~~of nonconforming uses shall be granted.~~

1 Section 58. That § 50-10-11 be repealed.

2 ~~—50-10-11. Any person desiring to erect any structure, to increase the height of any structure,~~  
3 ~~to permit the growth of any tree, or to otherwise use the person's property, in violation of airport~~  
4 ~~zoning regulations adopted under this chapter, may apply to the board of appeals, as provided~~  
5 ~~in § 50-10-15, for a variance from the zoning regulations in question. A variance may be~~  
6 ~~allowed if a literal application or enforcement of the regulations would result in practical~~  
7 ~~difficulty or unnecessary hardship and the relief granted would not be contrary to the public~~  
8 ~~interest but would do substantial justice and be in accordance with the spirit of the regulations.~~

9 Section 59. That § 50-10-12 be repealed.

10 ~~—50-10-12. In granting any permit or variance under § 50-10-10 or 50-10-11, the~~  
11 ~~administrative agency or board of appeals may, if it deems such action advisable to effectuate~~  
12 ~~the purposes of this chapter and reasonable in the circumstances, so condition such permit or~~  
13 ~~variance as to require the owner of the structure or tree in question to permit the political~~  
14 ~~subdivision, at its own expense, to provide for the installation, operation, and maintenance of~~  
15 ~~suitable obstruction markers and obstruction lights thereon.~~

16 Section 60. That § 50-10-32 be repealed.

17 ~~—50-10-32. Terms in §§ 50-10-34 and 50-10-35 mean:~~

18 ~~—(1)—"Centerline," a line extended through the midpoint of each end of a runway;~~

19 ~~—(2)—"Compatible land use," a use of land adjacent to a military airport that does not~~  
20 ~~endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the owners, occupants, or users of the land~~  
21 ~~because of levels of noise or vibrations or the risk of personal injury or property~~  
22 ~~damage created by the operations of the military airport, including the taking off and~~  
23 ~~landing of military aircraft;~~

24 ~~—(3)—"Controlled compatible land use area," any area of land located outside military~~

1 ~~airport boundaries and within a rectangle bounded by lines located no farther than~~  
2 ~~one and one-half statute miles from the centerline of an instrument or primary~~  
3 ~~runway and lines located no farther than five statute miles from each end of the paved~~  
4 ~~surface of an instrument or primary runway unless noise standards exceed these~~  
5 ~~distances;~~

6 ~~—(4)— "Instrument runway," any existing or planned military runway of at least three~~  
7 ~~thousand two hundred feet which serves or will serve an instrument landing~~  
8 ~~procedure prescribed by Federal Aviation Administration Order 8260.3B "United~~  
9 ~~States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures";~~

10 ~~—(5)— "Military airport hazard," any structure or obstruction that obstructs the air space~~  
11 ~~required for the taking off, landing, or flight of military aircraft or that interferes with~~  
12 ~~visual, radar, radio, or other systems for tracking, monitoring, controlling, or~~  
13 ~~acquiring data relating to military aircraft;~~

14 ~~—(6)— "Military airport hazard area," an area of land or water on which a military airport~~  
15 ~~hazard may exist;~~

16 ~~—(7)— "Military airport zoning regulation," a military airport hazard area zoning regulation~~  
17 ~~and a military airport compatible land use zoning regulation adopted under §§ 50-10-~~  
18 ~~32 to 50-10-35, inclusive;~~

19 ~~—(8)— "Obstruction," any structure, object of natural growth, or other object, including a~~  
20 ~~mobile object, that exceeds a height established by C.F.R. 14 Federal Aviation~~  
21 ~~Regulations Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace" or by a military airport~~  
22 ~~hazard area zoning standard;~~

23 ~~—(9)— "Political subdivision," any municipality or county;~~

24 ~~—(10)— "Primary runway," any existing or planned paved runway, as shown on the official~~



1 military airport layout plan, of at least three thousand two hundred feet on which a  
2 majority of the approaches to and departures from the military airport occur;

3 ~~—(11)—~~ "Runway," a defined area of a military airport prepared for the landing and taking off  
4 of military aircraft along its length.

5 Section 61. That § 50-10-34 be repealed.

6 ~~—50-10-34. Any political subdivision in which a military airport hazard area is located may~~  
7 ~~adopt, administer, and enforce, under its police power, military airport hazard area zoning~~  
8 ~~regulations for the military airport hazard area to prevent the creation of a military airport~~  
9 ~~hazard. The military airport hazard area zoning regulations may divide a military airport hazard~~  
10 ~~area into zones and for each zone:~~

11 ~~—(1)—~~ Specify the land uses permitted;

12 ~~—(2)—~~ Regulate the type and density of structures; and

13 ~~—(3)—~~ Restrict the height of structures and obstructions to prevent the creation of an  
14 obstruction to flight operations or aviation.

15 Section 62. That § 50-10-35 be repealed.

16 ~~—50-10-35. A political subdivision may adopt, administer, and enforce, under its police~~  
17 ~~power, military airport compatible land use zoning regulations for the part of a controlled~~  
18 ~~compatible land use area located within the political subdivision. The political subdivision by~~  
19 ~~ordinance or resolution may implement, in connection with military airport compatible land use~~  
20 ~~zoning regulations, any federal law or rules controlling the use of land located adjacent to or in~~  
21 ~~the immediate vicinity of the military airport. The military airport compatible land use zoning~~  
22 ~~regulations shall include a statement that the military airport fulfills an essential national defense~~  
23 ~~purpose:~~

24 Section 63. That § 50-11-6 be repealed.

1 ~~— 50-11-6. The aircraft registration certificate shall be presented for inspection upon demand.~~  
2 ~~A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.~~

3 Section 64. That § 50-11-8 be repealed.

4 ~~— 50-11-8. Unless otherwise expressly provided by the provisions of this chapter, the federal~~  
5 ~~certificate of each civil aircraft owned and operated within this state shall be registered by the~~  
6 ~~aircraft owner annually with the department in the manner prescribed in §§ 50-11-9 to 50-11-31,~~  
7 ~~inclusive. The required fee shall be paid by the aircraft owner to the department at the time of~~  
8 ~~registration. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.~~

9 Section 65. That § 50-11-9.1 be repealed.

10 ~~— 50-11-9.1. The provisions of §§ 50-11-8 and 50-11-9 do not apply to any sUAS.~~

11 Section 66. That § 50-11-10 be repealed.

12 ~~— 50-11-10. On receipt of the application, the department shall file it. Upon determining that~~  
13 ~~an aircraft is entitled to registration by the applicant, and that the original registration tax~~  
14 ~~required by § 50-11-19 has been paid in full, the department shall register it and forward to the~~  
15 ~~applicant a registration certificate and decal bearing a distinctive number together with such~~  
16 ~~other identifying matter as the commission shall prescribe. If the aircraft is not entitled to~~  
17 ~~registration or the applicant is not entitled to register the aircraft, the department shall~~  
18 ~~immediately notify the applicant.~~

19 ~~— Upon receipt of the registration fee, the department shall pay it to the state treasurer to be~~  
20 ~~credited to the aeronautics fund.~~

21 Section 67. That § 50-11-30 be repealed.

22 ~~— 50-11-30. The provisions of §§ 50-11-8 to 50-11-24, inclusive, do not apply to a student~~  
23 ~~pilot, who has not received an endorsement to solo from a federal aviation administration~~  
24 ~~certified flight instructor, a pilot who is a potential purchaser of the aircraft, or an aircraft used~~

1 ~~for the demonstration of that aircraft to a bona fide prospective purchaser if the aircraft is~~  
2 ~~equipped with fully functioning dual controls and a properly certificated pilot is in full charge~~  
3 ~~of one set of the controls.~~

4 Section 68. That § 50-11-31 be repealed.

5 ~~— 50-11-31. In the event of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a registration certificate or other~~  
6 ~~identifying matter prescribed by the commission and issued under the provisions of this chapter,~~  
7 ~~the registrant may obtain a duplicate certificate by filing with the department an affidavit~~  
8 ~~showing such facts and paying the fee prescribed by the commission. A person who knowingly~~  
9 ~~makes a false statement of a material fact in the affidavit is guilty of a Class 5 felony. The~~  
10 ~~affidavit and fee shall be filed and remitted by the department as is required by law. The~~  
11 ~~department shall thereupon issue a duplicate registration certificate or other identifying matter~~  
12 ~~to the applicant.~~

13 Section 69. That § 50-12-1 be repealed.

14 ~~— 50-12-1. Terms used in this chapter mean:~~

15 ~~— (1) — "Aircraft dealer," any person, manufacturer, or distributor engaged in the business of~~  
16 ~~buying, selling, exchanging, or acting as a broker of three or more aircraft in any~~  
17 ~~twelve consecutive months except for a business liquidation of used aircraft;~~

18 ~~— (2) — "Commercial purpose," the use in aviation activities such as flight instruction,~~  
19 ~~charter, air taxi, and rental use but does not authorize substitution of the commercial~~  
20 ~~use stamp in lieu of regular aircraft registration for the promotion of nonaviation~~  
21 ~~business or other purposes;~~

22 ~~— (3) — "Place of business," a permanent enclosed structure at which a permanent business~~  
23 ~~of bartering, trading, and selling of aircraft will be carried on as such in good faith~~  
24 ~~and not for the purpose of evading this chapter or chapter 50-11. The business name~~

1 ~~and telephone listing shall indicate it is an aircraft or aviation related place of~~  
2 ~~business. The term does not include residences, tents, temporary stands, or other~~  
3 ~~temporary quarters. The structure shall be used primarily as a place of business for~~  
4 ~~the sale or commercial use of aircraft.~~

5 Section 70. That § 50-12-6 be repealed.

6 ~~—50-12-6. The department at the time of the issuance of the original license, or the renewal~~  
7 ~~of the license as provided in this chapter, shall issue six aircraft dealer's certificates to an aircraft~~  
8 ~~dealer. Any aircraft dealer may secure additional aircraft dealer's certificates upon application~~  
9 ~~therefor on forms furnished by the department and the payment of the additional fee as required~~  
10 ~~by § 50-12-12.~~

11 Section 71. That § 50-12-11 be repealed.

12 ~~—50-12-11. In the event of loss, mutilation, or destruction of any dealer's license, certificate,~~  
13 ~~commercial use stamps, or other identifying matter issued under the provisions of this chapter,~~  
14 ~~a registered aircraft dealer may obtain a duplicate upon filing with the department an affidavit~~  
15 ~~showing the facts and upon payment of a fee prescribed by the commission.~~

16 Section 72. That § 50-12-15 be repealed.

17 ~~—50-12-15. Any applicant for, or any licensed aircraft dealer may maintain a branch office or~~  
18 ~~subagency in more than one location in this state, if the dealer or applicant secures a separate~~  
19 ~~license for each location. All applications for branch offices or subagencies at locations other~~  
20 ~~than the principal place of business shall conform to the provisions of § 50-12-2.~~

21 Section 73. That § 50-12-19 be repealed.

22 ~~—50-12-19. The department shall prepare the forms and certificates required by this chapter.~~  
23 ~~The department may prescribe the method of and location for the public display of any and all~~  
24 ~~certificates and licenses as are required and in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.~~

1 Section 74. That § 50-13-3 be repealed.

2 ~~—50-13-3. The ownership of the space above the lands and waters of this state is declared to~~  
3 ~~be vested in the several owners of the surface beneath, subject to the right of flight described~~  
4 ~~in § 50-13-4.~~

5 Section 75. That § 50-13-4 be repealed.

6 ~~—50-13-4. Flight in aircraft over the lands and waters of this state is lawful, unless at such a~~  
7 ~~low altitude as to interfere with the then existing use to which the land or water, or the space~~  
8 ~~over the land or water, is put by the owner, or unless so conducted as to be imminently~~  
9 ~~dangerous to persons or property lawfully on the land or water beneath.~~

10 Section 76. That § 50-13-5 be repealed.

11 ~~—50-13-5. The landing of an aircraft on the lands or waters of another, without consent, is a~~  
12 ~~Class 2 misdemeanor, except in the case of a forced landing.~~

13 Section 77. That § 50-13-6 be repealed.

14 ~~—50-13-6. The owner or the pilot, or both, of each aircraft that is operated over lands or waters~~  
15 ~~of this state is liable for injuries or damage to persons or property on the land or water beneath,~~  
16 ~~caused by the ascent, descent, or flight of the aircraft, or the dropping or falling of any object~~  
17 ~~from the aircraft in accordance with the rules of law applicable to torts in this state.~~

18 ~~—As used in this section, the term, owner, includes a person having full title to aircraft and~~  
19 ~~operating it through servants, and also includes a bona fide lessee or bailee of the aircraft,~~  
20 ~~whether gratuitously or for hire. However, the term does not include a bona fide bailor or lessor~~  
21 ~~of the aircraft, whether gratuitously or for hire, or a mortgagee, conditional seller, trustee for~~  
22 ~~creditors of the aircraft, or other person having a security title only.~~

23 ~~—The owner of the aircraft is not liable if the pilot of the aircraft is in possession of the aircraft~~  
24 ~~as a result of theft or felonious conversion.~~

1 ~~— The person in whose name an aircraft is registered with the Federal Aviation Administration~~  
2 ~~or the department shall be prima facie the owner of the aircraft within the meaning of this~~  
3 ~~section.~~

4 Section 78. That § 50-13-7 be repealed.

5 ~~— 50-13-7. The liability of the owner of one aircraft to the owner of another aircraft, or to~~  
6 ~~pilots or passengers on either aircraft, for damage caused by collision on land or in the air, shall~~  
7 ~~be determined by the rules of law applicable to torts on land.~~

8 Section 79. That § 50-13-8 be repealed.

9 ~~— 50-13-8. All crimes, torts, and other wrongs committed by or against a pilot or passenger~~  
10 ~~while in flight over this state are governed by the laws of this state. Any question whether~~  
11 ~~damage occasioned by or to an aircraft while in flight over this state constitutes a tort, crime,~~  
12 ~~or other wrong by or against the owner of the aircraft shall be determined by the laws of this~~  
13 ~~state.~~

14 Section 80. That § 50-13-9 be repealed.

15 ~~— 50-13-9. All contractual and other legal relations entered into by pilots or passengers while~~  
16 ~~in flight over this state shall have the same effect as if entered into on the land or water beneath.~~

17 Section 81. That § 50-13-15 be repealed.

18 ~~— 50-13-15. No person transported by the owner or operator of any aircraft as his guest without~~  
19 ~~compensation for such transportation shall have cause of action for damages against such owner~~  
20 ~~or operator for injury, death, or loss, in case of accident, unless such accident shall have been~~  
21 ~~caused by the willful and wanton misconduct of the owner or operator of such aircraft, and~~  
22 ~~unless such willful and wanton misconduct contributed to the injury, death, or loss for which~~  
23 ~~the action is brought; no person so transported shall have such cause of action if he has willfully~~  
24 ~~or by want of ordinary care brought the injury upon himself.~~

1       Section 82. In accordance with § 2-16-9, the Code Commission and Code Counsel of the  
2 State Legislative Research Council are requested to transfer chapter 50-3 to title 33.

3       Section 83. In accordance with § 2-16-9, the Code Commission and Code Counsel of the  
4 State Legislative Research Council are requested to transfer chapter 50-8 to title 6.

5       Section 84. In accordance with § 2-16-9, the Code Commission and Code Counsel of the  
6 State Legislative Research Council are requested to transfer §§ 50-10-13 to 50-10-28, inclusive,  
7 to title 11.