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H. P. 166

House of Representatives, January 25, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carroll of Limerick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Making Minor Revisions in the Aeronautics Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 6 MRSA § 52, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 32, is amended to read:

A. All resident aircraft owners basing aircraft in this State, **and all nonresidents who own or operate an aircraft which is used for compensation or hire within this State**, unless exempted, shall register their aircraft with the director.

Sec. 2. 6 MRSA § 52, sub-§ 2, ¶ C, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 32, is amended to read:

Nonresidents who own **or operate** an aircraft which is used for compensation or hire within the State ~~and which is based in Maine~~ shall register the aircraft with the director and pay a fee of \$50 for each registration.

Sec. 3. 6 MRSA § 53, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 32, is amended to read:

1. Application for dealer's registration certificate. All persons engaged in the business of manufacturing, buying or selling of aircraft shall make application to the director for a dealer's registration certificate. **A dealer's registration certificate shall be valid from the date of issuance through the first day of January of the next calendar year unless sooner revoked, suspended or cancelled.**

Sec. 4. 6 MRSA § 103, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, last 2 sentences, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 33, are amended to read:

The Commissioner of Transportation ~~shall~~ **may** make rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of commercial seaplane landing areas. ~~These rules and regulations shall include provisions concerning the safety of seaplane landing areas, the type of aircraft authorized to use the landing areas and the impact of commercial service on the area.~~

Sec. 5. 6 MRSA § 202, sub-§ 8, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 678, § 44, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 6 MRSA § 302, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 48, is amended to read:

The director shall ~~be a member of the board and shall~~ serve as secretary **of the board.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to more clearly define aircraft and dealer registration requirements; to permit, rather than obligate, the Commissioner of Transportation to make rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of commercial seaplane landing areas and to eliminate the provision making it unlawful to operate or authorize the operation of aircraft in commerce from inland waters or ice areas designated by the commissioner as unsafe for operation.