

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 142

In Senate, March 18, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Parent from Committee on Judiciary and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Regulate the Use of Aircraft.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate
2 aircraft of any kind in this state unless he is licensed and
3 the aircraft is registered either by the secretary of state,
4 the joint army and navy board on aeronautic cognizance,
5 or a federal board or department established by Congress,
6 provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall
7 not apply to military or naval aviators while in the service
8 of the United States, or of this state, nor to aircraft owned
9 by the United States government or by this state, nor to

10 unlicensed civilians when accompanied by a person licensed
11 as aforesaid or by a military or naval aviator, but such
12 licensed person or military or naval aviator shall be liable
13 for the violation of any provision of this act committed
14 by such unlicensed person.

Sect. 2. The secretary of state may issue license to any
2 applicant who has satisfied him that he is skilled in the
3 flying of aircraft.

Sect. 3. No person shall operate aircraft over buildings,
2 persons or animals in such a manner or at such an altitude
3 as to endanger his own life, or the lives or safety of those
4 below him, or the safety of himself and his passengers, if
5 he be carrying passengers.

Sect. 4. No person shall operate aircraft in such a man-
2 ner as to endanger the lives or safety of the public by the
3 performance of unusual or dangerous maneuvers over any
4 massed assembly of one hundred persons or more, in the
5 open, whether such persons be grouped in a grandstand
6 or massed in an open field; nor shall any person throw or
7 drop any missile or other article from any aircraft in flight,
8 except over grounds temporarily or permanently devoted
9 to flying, or over open water.

Sect. 5. Except in a case of emergency no person shall
2 land aircraft in highways or public parks or other public
3 grounds without permission from the authorities in charge
4 thereof.

Sect. 6. Landing places for aircraft may from time to
2 time be designated, set apart and marked by the secretary
3 of state or other public officials who are in charge of any
4 land or waters controlled by the state and the municipal
5 officers of any city or town are authorized from time to
6 time to license landing places on any land or waters within
7 the jurisdiction of such municipality; may limit the num-
8 ber of aircraft which may use any such landing place or
9 places; make reasonable rules and regulations governing
10 the same and change such rules and regulations from time
11 to time, and no such landing place or places shall be used
12 by any aviator without permit from such municipal officers.

Sect. 7. Whoever violates any provision of this act or
2 any rule or regulation made hereunder shall be punished
3 by a fine of not less than ten nor more than five hundred
4 dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than one month
5 or more than six months, or by both such fine and im-
6 prisonment.