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House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5337** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Sutherland and Vognild)**

Read first time 02/10/93.

1            AN ACT Relating to the department of transportation's aeronautics  
2 division; amending RCW 14.20.010, 14.20.020, 47.68.020, 47.68.230,  
3 47.68.240, and 47.68.250; adding a new section to chapter 47.68 RCW;  
4 and prescribing penalties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 14.20.010 and 1984 c 7 s 9 are each amended to read as  
7 follows:

8            When used in this chapter and RCW 47.68.250 and 82.48.100:

9            (1) "Person" includes a firm, partnership, or corporation;

10           (2) "Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of selling,  
11 exchanging, or acting as a broker of aircraft or who offers for sale  
12 two or more aircraft within a calendar year;

13           (3) "Aircraft" means any weight-carrying device or structure for  
14 navigation of the air, designed to be supported by the air, but which  
15 is heavier than air and is mechanically driven;

16           (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of the state department of  
17 transportation.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 14.20.020 and 1984 c 7 s 10 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) It is unlawful for a person to act as an aircraft dealer  
4 without a currently valid aircraft dealer's license issued under this  
5 chapter. A person acting as an aircraft dealer without a currently  
6 issued aircraft dealer's license is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall  
7 be punished by either a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or  
8 by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both. A person  
9 convicted on a second or subsequent conviction within a five-year  
10 period is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by either  
11 a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for  
12 not more than one year, or both. In addition to, or in lieu of, the  
13 penalties provided in this section, or as a condition to the suspension  
14 of a sentence that may be imposed under this section, the court in its  
15 discretion may prohibit the violator from acting as an aircraft dealer  
16 within the state for such a period as it may determine but not to  
17 exceed one year. Violation of the duly imposed prohibition of the  
18 court may be treated as a separate offense under this section or as  
19 contempt of court.

20       (2) Any person applying for an aircraft dealer's license shall do  
21 so at the office of the secretary on a form provided for that purpose  
22 by the secretary.

23       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25       The department shall require that every airman or airwoman that is  
26 not registered under RCW 47.68.233 and who is a resident of this state,  
27 or every nonresident airman or airwoman who is regularly performing  
28 duties as an airman or airwoman within this state, be registered with  
29 the department. The department shall charge an annual fee not to  
30 exceed ten dollars for each registration. A registration certificate  
31 issued under this section is to be renewed annually during the month of  
32 the registrant's birthdate.

33       The department shall use the registration fee imposed under this  
34 section for the purposes of: (1) Search and rescue of lost and downed  
35 aircraft and airmen or airwomen under the direction and supervision of  
36 the secretary; and (2) safety and education.

37       Registration is affected by filing with the department a certified  
38 written statement that contains the information reasonably required by

1 the department. The department shall issue certificates of  
2 registration and, in connection with the certificates, shall provide  
3 requirements for the possession and exhibition of the certificates.

4 Failure to register as provided in this section is a violation of  
5 RCW 47.68.230 and subjects the offender to the penalties incident to  
6 this section.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 47.68.020 and 1984 c 7 s 342 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates  
10 otherwise:

11 (1) "Aeronautics" means the science and art of flight and including  
12 but not limited to transportation by aircraft; the operation,  
13 construction, repair, or maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants  
14 and accessories, including the repair, packing, and maintenance of  
15 parachutes; the design, establishment, construction, extension,  
16 operation, improvement, repair, or maintenance of airports or air  
17 navigation facilities; and instruction in flying or ground subjects  
18 pertaining thereto.

19 (2) "Aircraft" means any contrivance now known, or hereafter  
20 invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air.

21 (3) "Airport" means any area of land or water which is used, or  
22 intended for use, for the landing and take-off of aircraft, and any  
23 appurtenant areas which are used, or intended for use, for airport  
24 buildings or other airport facilities or right-of-way, together with  
25 all airport buildings and facilities located thereon.

26 (4) "Department" means the state department of transportation.

27 (5) "Secretary" means the state secretary of transportation.

28 (6) "State" or "this state" means the state of Washington.

29 (7) "Air navigation facility" means any facility, other than one  
30 owned or operated by the United States, used in, available for use in,  
31 or designed for use in aid of air navigation, including any structures,  
32 mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other  
33 instrumentalities or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting  
34 an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking-off, navigation, and  
35 landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance  
36 of an airport, and any combination of any or all of such facilities.

1 (8) "Operation of aircraft" or "operate aircraft" means the use,  
2 navigation, or piloting of aircraft in the airspace over this state or  
3 upon any airport within this state.

4 (9) "Airman or airwoman" means any individual who engages, as the  
5 person in command, or as pilot, mechanic, or member of the crew in the  
6 navigation of aircraft while under way, and any individual who is  
7 directly in charge of the inspection, maintenance, overhauling, or  
8 repair of aircraft engines, airframes, propellers, or appliances, and  
9 any individual who serves in the capacity of aircraft dispatcher or  
10 air-traffic control tower operator; but does not include any individual  
11 employed outside the United States, or any individual employed by a  
12 manufacturer of aircraft, aircraft engines, airframes, propellers, or  
13 appliances to perform duties as inspector or mechanic in connection  
14 therewith, or any individual performing inspection or mechanical duties  
15 in connection with aircraft owned or operated by the person.

16 (10) "Aeronautics instructor" means any individual who for hire or  
17 reward engages in giving instruction or offering to give instruction in  
18 flying or ground subjects pertaining to aeronautics, but excludes any  
19 instructor in a public school, university, or institution of higher  
20 learning duly accredited and approved for carrying on collegiate work,  
21 who instructs in flying or ground subjects pertaining to aeronautics,  
22 while in the performance of his or her duties at such school,  
23 university, or institution.

24 (11) "Air school" means any person who advertises, represents, or  
25 holds out as giving or offering to give instruction in flying or ground  
26 subjects pertaining to aeronautics whether for or without hire or  
27 reward; but excludes any public school, university, or institution of  
28 higher learning duly accredited and approved for carrying on collegiate  
29 work.

30 (12) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation,  
31 company, association, joint stock association, or body politic; and  
32 includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar  
33 representative thereof.

34 (13) "Municipal" means pertaining to a municipality, and  
35 "municipality" means any county, city, town, authority, district, or  
36 other political subdivision or public corporation of this state.

37 (14) "Airport hazard" means any structure, object of natural  
38 growth, or use of land, which obstructs the airspace required for the

1 flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport or is  
2 otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off.

3 (15) "State airway" means a route in the navigable airspace over  
4 and above the lands or waters of this state, designated by the  
5 department as a route suitable for air navigation.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 47.68.230 and 1987 c 220 s 1 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause or  
9 authorize to be operated any civil aircraft within this state unless  
10 such aircraft has an appropriate effective certificate, permit or  
11 license issued by the United States, if such certificate, permit or  
12 license is required by the United States, and a current registration  
13 certificate issued by the secretary of transportation, if registration  
14 of the aircraft with the department of transportation is required by  
15 this chapter. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in  
16 aeronautics as an airman or airwoman in the state unless ((he)) the  
17 person has an appropriate effective airman or airwoman certificate,  
18 permit, rating or license issued by the United States authorizing him  
19 or her to engage in the particular class of aeronautics in which he or  
20 she is engaged, if such certificate, permit, rating or license is  
21 required by the United States and a current airman's or airwoman's  
22 registration certificate issued by the department of transportation as  
23 required by RCW 47.68.233 or section 3 of this act.

24 Where a certificate, permit, rating or license is required for an  
25 airman or airwoman by the United States or by RCW 47.68.233 or section  
26 3 of this act, it shall be kept in his or her personal possession when  
27 he or she is operating within the state. Where a certificate, permit  
28 or license is required by the United States or by this chapter for an  
29 aircraft, it shall be carried in the aircraft at all times while the  
30 aircraft is operating in the state and shall be conspicuously posted in  
31 the aircraft where it may be readily seen by passengers or inspectors.  
32 Such certificates shall be presented for inspection upon the demand of  
33 any peace officer, or any other officer of the state or of a  
34 municipality or member, official or employee of the department of  
35 transportation authorized pursuant to this chapter to enforce the  
36 aeronautics laws, or any official, manager or person in charge of any  
37 airport, or upon the reasonable request of any person.

1       **Sec. 6.** RCW 47.68.240 and 1987 c 202 s 216 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, or any  
4 of the rules, regulations, or orders issued pursuant thereto, shall be  
5 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more  
6 than one (~~hundred~~) thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more  
7 than (~~thirty~~) ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment:  
8 PROVIDED, That any person violating any of the provisions of RCW  
9 47.68.220 (~~or 47.68.230~~) shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor which  
10 shall be punished by a fine of not more than (~~one~~) five thousand  
11 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or by both (~~in~~  
12 ~~any proceeding brought in superior court and by a fine of not more than~~  
13 ~~five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months or~~  
14 ~~by both in any proceedings brought in district court)). In addition~~  
15 to, or in lieu of, the penalties provided in this section, or as a  
16 condition to the suspension of a sentence which may be imposed pursuant  
17 thereto, the court in its discretion may prohibit the violator from  
18 operating an aircraft within the state for such period as it may  
19 determine but not to exceed one year. Violation of the duly imposed  
20 prohibition of the court may be treated as a separate offense under  
21 this section or as a contempt of court.

22       **Sec. 7.** RCW 47.68.250 and 1987 c 220 s 3 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24       Every aircraft shall be registered with the department for each  
25 calendar year in which the aircraft is operated or is based within this  
26 state. A fee of four dollars shall be charged for each such  
27 registration and each annual renewal thereof.

28       Possession of the appropriate effective federal certificate,  
29 permit, rating, or license relating to ownership and airworthiness of  
30 the aircraft, and payment of the excise tax imposed by Title 82 RCW for  
31 the privilege of using the aircraft within this state during the year  
32 for which the registration is sought, and payment of the registration  
33 fee required by this section shall be the only requisites for  
34 registration of an aircraft under this section.

35       The registration fee imposed by this section shall be payable to  
36 and collected by the secretary. The fee for any calendar year must be  
37 paid during the month of January, and shall be collected by the  
38 secretary at the time of the collection by him or her of the said

1 excise tax. If the secretary is satisfied that the requirements for  
2 registration of the aircraft have been met, he or she shall thereupon  
3 issue to the owner of the aircraft a certificate of registration  
4 therefor. The secretary shall pay to the state treasurer the  
5 registration fees collected under this section, which registration fees  
6 shall be credited to the aeronautics account in the general fund.

7 It shall not be necessary for the registrant to provide the  
8 secretary with originals or copies of federal certificates, permits,  
9 ratings, or licenses. The secretary shall issue certificates of  
10 registration, or such other evidences of registration or payment of  
11 fees as he or she may deem proper; and in connection therewith may  
12 prescribe requirements for the possession and exhibition of such  
13 certificates or other evidences.

14 The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

15 (1) An aircraft owned by and used exclusively in the service of any  
16 government or any political subdivision thereof, including the  
17 government of the United States, any state, territory, or possession of  
18 the United States, or the District of Columbia, which is not engaged in  
19 carrying persons or property for commercial purposes;

20 (2) An aircraft registered under the laws of a foreign country;

21 (3) An aircraft which is owned by a nonresident and registered in  
22 another state: PROVIDED, That if said aircraft shall remain in and/or  
23 be based in this state for a period of ninety days or longer it shall  
24 not be exempt under this section;

25 (4) An aircraft engaged principally in commercial flying  
26 constituting an act of interstate or foreign commerce;

27 (5) An aircraft owned by the commercial manufacturer thereof while  
28 being operated for test or experimental purposes, or for the purpose of  
29 training crews for purchasers of the aircraft;

30 (6) An aircraft being held for sale, exchange, delivery, test, or  
31 demonstration purposes solely as stock in trade of an aircraft dealer  
32 licensed under Title 14 RCW;

33 (7) An aircraft based within the state that is in an unairworthy  
34 condition, is not operated within the registration period, and has  
35 obtained a written exemption issued by the secretary.

36 The secretary shall be notified within one week of any change in  
37 ownership of a registered aircraft. The notification shall contain the  
38 N, NC, NR, NL, or NX number of the aircraft, the full name and address  
39 of the former owner, and the full name and address of the new owner.



1 For failure to so notify the secretary, the registration of that  
2 aircraft may be canceled by the secretary, subject to reinstatement  
3 upon application and payment of a reinstatement fee of ten dollars by  
4 the new owner.

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