
DIGEST

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HB 1175 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides definitions relative to aerospace facilities and aerospace activities.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law modifies definitions for "aeronautics", "aircraft", "airman", "air navigation", "air navigation facility", "airport", "airport hazard", "director", "political subdivision", and "restricted landing area". Also, adds definitions for "aerospace facility", "aerospace flight activities", "aerospace flight entity", "aerospace flight participant", "aerospace flight participant injury", "craft", "launch", and "launch vehicle".

Proposed law provides for expanded applicability of "aerospace facility".

Proposed law modifies select uses of the term "craft" as "aerospace craft".

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in present law and proposed law and to correct any cross-references that may need to be changed as a result of this renumbering.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 2:(2), (3), (6)-(10), (16), (21), and (23); Adds R.S. 2:1(28)-(36))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Expand the definition of "aerospace facility" to include "an area intended to be used for aerospace flight activities for the transport of goods or persons".
2. Modify the definition of "aeronautics" by removing the reference to "the act or practice of the art and science of transportation" and specifying that it includes "any activity that involves, makes possible, or is required for the operation of an aircraft, or that contributes to or is required for the safety of such operation, including the research, development, testing, operations, manufacture, construction, repair, or maintenance of aircraft, airports, landing fields, landing strips, air navigation facilities, or air instruction".

3. Expand the definition of "aircraft" to include any "object or its components" including "rockets, spacecraft, launch and reentry vehicles, and any subparts of the launch vehicle specifically designed or adapted for that contrivance or object".
4. Clarify the definition of "airman" to include "any person who otherwise performs activities relating to the takeoff, launch, reentry, or landing of aircraft".
5. Clarify the definition of "air navigation" by changing "airspace" to "space".
6. Modify the definition of "air navigation facility" to include "launch" and "reentry" functions of aircraft.
7. Modify the definition of "airport" to include any area designed for the launch and reentry of aircraft, "aerospace facility", and "all areas necessary to ensure the safety of the aeronautical activities conducted therein".
8. Expand the definition for "airport hazard" to include applicability to aircraft launching.
9. Change the definition of "director" from the assistant secretary of the office of aviation to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
10. Narrow the definition of "political subdivision" by removing the inclusion of a public corporation of the state.
11. Expand the definition of "restricted landing area" to that which is made available for launching of aircraft.
12. Add "aerospace" to select uses of the term "craft"
13. Change reference to "real" property to "immovable" property.
14. Make technical changes.