

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 730

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:135.1(A)(2) and (P) and to enact R.S. 2:135.1(Q), relative to
3 the use of automatic dependent surveillance–broadcast (ADS-B) systems; to
4 authorize airport authorities to adopt regulations, set charges and fees, enforce
5 payment, fix penalties, and prohibit discrimination; to prohibit any entity from using
6 certain data as a basis for calculating, generating, or collecting fees from aircraft
7 owners or operators; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties for
8 violations; to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 2:135.1(A)(2) and (P) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11 2:135.1(Q) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §135.1. Authority to equip, improve, establish fees and charges, and lease airport
13 facilities

14 A. Airport districts, airport authorities, and other political subdivisions,
15 including the New Orleans Aviation Board, which establish or operate airports or
16 landing fields or which acquire or set apart immovable property for such purpose
17 may:

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19 (2) Adopt regulations and establish charges, fees, and tolls for the use of
20 such airports or landing fields, fix penalties for the violation of regulations, and
21 establish privileges to enforce payment of the charges, fees, and tolls, except that
22 such authority will not be used to discriminate against the use of such airports or
23 landing fields by any legitimate aviation interest and except as otherwise provided
24 in Subsection P of this Section.

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1 P.(1) No person or entity may use information broadcast or collected by
2 automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast systems as a means for calculating,
3 generating, and collecting fees or taxes from aircraft owners or operators who
4 operate aircraft within the geographic boundaries of the state.

5 (2) For the purposes of this Subsection, the following definitions shall
6 apply:

7 (a) "Aircraft" has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 2:1, except the
8 aircraft shall have a maximum certificated takeoff weight of twelve thousand four
9 hundred ninety-nine pounds or less and operate pursuant to 14 CFR 91 and 14 CFR
10 141.

11 (b) "Automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast" means an advanced
12 aviation surveillance technology that combines an aircraft's position with a ground
13 infrastructure to create an accurate surveillance interface between an aircraft and air
14 traffic control. The term consists of two different services, ADS-B In and ADS-B
15 Out, that can provide information, such as an aircraft's global positioning system
16 location, altitude, ground speed, and other data, to ground stations and other aircraft,
17 as well as weather and traffic information to aircraft operators.

18 (3) Any person or entity that violates Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall
19 be fined by the department not more than five hundred dollars for each occurrence.

20 P: Q. The provisions of this Section shall have no effect on the provisions
21 of R.S. 33:130.351 through 130.359.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____