

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Todd**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN AVIATION GRANT PROGRAM; TO IMPOSE
9 A TAX ON AVIATION FUEL, AIRCRAFT PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR
10 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE GRANTS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN AVIATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO
15 IMPOSE A TAX TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE GRANTS."

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. (a) Beginning May 1, 1993, there is levied an additional
20 excise tax of one percent (1%) on the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived
21 from all sales to any person of aviation fuel, aircraft parts, and aircraft
22 accessories.

23 (b) The tax shall be reported, and paid, to the Director of the
24 Department of Finance and Administration in the same manner and at the same
25 time as the Arkansas Gross Receipts Tax, Arkansas Code 26-52-101 et seq, and
26 shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Director of
27 the Department of Finance and Administration may prescribe.

28 (c) The tax proceeds shall be special revenues and shall be deposited
29 in the State Treasury to the credit of the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics
30 Fund and shall be used solely for grants authorized by the act.

31 (c) The Arkansas Department of Aeronautics shall use the funds for
32 grants to construct and improve airports, civil airways, and other air
33 navigation facilities and for preserving the history of aviation in the state.
34 However, the funds shall not be used for the purpose of matching funds with
35 federal funds available through the Federal Aviation Administration. The

1 maximum amount of any grant awarded pursuant to this act shall be one hundred
2 thousand dollars (\$100,000).

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4 SECTION 2. (a) (1) There is created the Special Committee on Aeronautics
5 Development. The committee shall consist of fourteen (14) members. Seven (7)
6 members of the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
7 Senate. Seven (7) members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed
8 by the Speaker of the House.

9 (2) The President Pro Tempore shall designate one (1) member as
10 the Senate Co-Chairman of the committee and the Speaker of the House shall
11 designate one (1) member as House Co-Chairman.

12 (3) Members of the committee shall be entitled to per diem and
13 mileage at the same rate as authorized by law for members of the General
14 Assembly attending meetings of joint interim committees of the General
15 Assembly. The per diem and mileage shall be paid from the appropriation for
16 per diem and mileage of members of the General Assembly attending joint
17 interim committees.

18 (b) Before the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics awards a grant
19 pursuant to this act the proposed grant shall be reviewed by the Special
20 Committee on Aeronautics Development.

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22 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
23 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
24 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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26 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
27 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
28 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
29 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
30 act are declared to be severable.

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32 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
33 hereby repealed.

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35 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General

1 Assembly that there is significant need for additional revenue for grants for
2 aviation projects; and that this act shall become effective immediately for
3 the effective administration of this act. Therefore, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from
6 and after its passage and approval.

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