

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1606

5 By: Representatives Penix, Walters, Medley, Blair, Green, Verkamp  
6 By: Senators Altes, Wilkinson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO DECLARE THAT THE PUBLIC POLICY OF  
11 ARKANSAS IS FOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS TO BE TREATED  
12 AS PUBLIC PROPERTY USED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE; TO  
13 EXEMPT COMMISSIONS THAT OPERATE AND MANAGE  
14 MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS USED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE FROM  
15 TAXATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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19 ARKANSAS IS FOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS TO BE  
20 TREATED AS PUBLIC PROPERTY USED FOR A  
21 PUBLIC PURPOSE.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 359, Subchapter 1 is  
27 amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

28 14-359-122. Functions - Public and governmental.

29 (a) The following property, owned by a commission created under this  
30 subchapter that operates and manages a municipal airport, is essential for  
31 reliable and safe air travel for the public and is declared to be public  
32 property used for a public purpose:

33 (1) The municipal airport; and

34 (2) The following property used in the operation of the  
35 municipal airport:

36 (A) Runways;



- 1                   (B) Taxiways;
- 2                   (C) Instrument approach systems;
- 3                   (D) Terminal buildings;
- 4                   (E) Aircraft service and repair facilities;
- 5                   (F) Flight training facilities;
- 6                   (G) Radio communication facilities; or
- 7                   (H) Other facilities that are essential for reliable and
- 8 safe air travel for the public.

9           (b) Bonds, notes, debentures, and other evidence of indebtedness of  
 10 the commission, together with interest thereon, are declared to be issued for  
 11 a public purpose and to be public instrumentalities.

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13           14-359-123. Tax exemptions.

14           (a) A commission created under this subchapter shall be exempt from  
 15 the payment of any taxes or fees to:

- 16                   (1) The state;
- 17                   (2) A state office;
- 18                   (3) A state employee;
- 19                   (4) A subdivision of the state;
- 20                   (5) An office of a subdivision of the state; or
- 21                   (6) An employee of a subdivision of the state.

22           (b) The property of a commission created under this subchapter shall  
 23 be exempt from all local and municipal taxes.

24           (c) Bonds, notes, debentures, and other evidence of indebtedness of  
 25 the commission, together with interest thereon, shall be exempt from taxes.

26           (d) The income derived by the commission from the ownership,  
 27 operation, or control of the municipal airport property is exempt from  
 28 taxation to the same extent as other property used for public purposes.

29           (e) A municipality may exempt from municipal taxation property  
 30 acquired within its boundaries by a public agency of another state for  
 31 airport purposes and any income derived from the property, to the extent that  
 32 the other state authorizes similar exemptions from taxation to municipalities  
 33 of this state.

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