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## STATE AERONAUTICS DEPARTMENT ACT

**360.011 DECLARATION.** It is hereby declared that the purpose of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, is to further the public interest and aeronautical progress by providing for the protection and promotion of safety in aeronautics; by cooperating in effecting a uniformity of the laws relating to the development and regulation of aeronautics in the several states; by revising existing statutes relative to the development and regulation of aeronautics so as to grant to a state agency such powers and impose upon it such duties that the state may properly perform its functions relative to aeronautics and effectively exercise its jurisdiction over persons and property within such jurisdiction, may assist in the promotion of a statewide system of airports, may cooperate with and assist the political subdivisions of this state and others engaged in aeronautics, and may encourage and develop aeronautics; by establishing uniform regulations, consistent with federal regulations and those of other states, in order that those engaged in aeronautics of every character may so engage with the least possible restriction, consistent with the safety and the rights of others; and by providing for cooperation with the federal

authorities in the development of a national system of civil aviation and for coordination of the aeronautical activities of those authorities and the authorities of this state by assisting in accomplishing the purposes of federal legislation and eliminating costly and unnecessary duplication of functions properly in the province of federal agencies.

[1945 c. 303 s. 2]

**360.012 SOVEREIGNTY.** Subdivision 1. Sovereignty in the space above the lands and waters of this state is declared to rest in the state, except where granted to and assumed by the United States pursuant to a constitutional grant from the people of this state.

Subd. 2. The ownership of the space above the lands and waters of this state is declared to be vested in the several owners of the surface beneath, subject to the right of flight described in subdivision 3 of this section.

Subd. 3: Flight in aircraft over the lands and water of this state is lawful, unless at such low altitude as to interfere with the then existing use to which the land or water, or the space above the land or water, is put by the owner, or unless so conducted as to be imminently dangerous or damaging to persons or property lawfully in the land or water beneath. The landing of an aircraft on the lands or waters of another, without his consent is unlawful, except in the case of a forced landing. For damages caused by the forced landing, however, the owner or lessee of the aircraft or the pilot shall be liable as provided in subdivision 4 of this section.

Subd. 4. The owner of every aircraft which is operated over the lands or waters of this state is absolutely liable for injury or damage to persons or property on the land or water beneath, caused by the ascent, descent, or flight of the aircraft, or the dropping or falling of any object therefrom, whether such owner was negligent or not, unless the injury or damage is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the person injured, or of the owner or bailee of the property damaged. If the aircraft is leased at the time of the injury or damage to person or property, both the owner and lessee shall be liable, and they may be sued jointly, or either or both of them may be sued separately. A pilot who is not the owner or lessee shall be liable only for the consequences of his own negligence. The injured person, or owner or bailee of the damaged property, shall have a lien on the aircraft causing the injury or damage to the extent of such injury or damage caused by the aircraft or objects falling from it.

Subd. 5. The liability of the owner of one aircraft to the owner of another aircraft, or to pilots or passengers or other persons on either aircraft, for damages caused by collision on land or in the air shall be determined by the rules of law applicable to torts occurring on land.

Subd. 6. All crimes, torts, and other wrongs committed by or against a pilot, passenger, or other person while in flight over this state shall be governed by the laws of this state; and the question whether damage occasioned by or to an aircraft while in flight over this state constitutes a tort, crime, or other wrong by or against the owner of such aircraft shall be determined by the laws of this state.

Subd. 7. All contractual and other legal relations entered into by pilots, passengers, or other persons while in flight over this state shall have the same effect as if entered into on the land or water beneath.

[1943 c. 653 s. 20]

**360.013 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of laws of this state relating to aeronautics, the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meanings herein given unless otherwise specifically defined, or unless another intention clearly appears, or the context otherwise requires.

Subd. 2. "Aeronautics" means transportation by aircraft; the operation, construction, repair, or maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants and accessories, including the repair, packing, and maintenance of parachutes; the design, establishment, construction, extension, operation, improvement, repair, or maintenance of airports, restricted landing areas, or other air navigation facilities, and air instruction.

Subd. 3. "Aircraft" means any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air.

Subd. 4. "Public aircraft" means an aircraft used exclusively in the service of any government or of any political subdivision thereof, including the government of any state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia,

but not including any government-owned aircraft engaged in carrying persons or property for commercial purposes. "Civil aircraft" means any aircraft other than a public aircraft.

Subd. 5. "Airport" means any area, of land or water, except a restricted landing area, which is designed for the landing and take-off of aircraft, whether or not facilities are provided for the shelter, servicing, or repair of aircraft, or for receiving or discharging passengers or cargo, and all appurtenant areas used or suitable for airport buildings or other airport facilities, and all appurtenant rights of way, whether heretofore or hereafter established.

Subd. 6. "Restricted landing area" means any area of land, water or both, which is used or is made available for the landing and take-off of aircraft, the use of which shall, except in case of emergency, be only as provided from time to time by the commissioner.

Subd. 7. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of aeronautics of the State of Minnesota; "department" means the Minnesota Department of Aeronautics; and "state" or "this state" means the State of Minnesota.

Subd. 8. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic; and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar representative thereof.

Subd. 9. "Air navigation" means the operation or navigation of aircraft in the air space over this state, or upon any airport or restricted landing area within this state.

Subd. 10. "Operation of aircraft" or "operate aircraft" means the use of aircraft for the purpose of air navigation and includes the navigation or piloting of aircraft. Any person who causes or authorizes the operation of aircraft, whether with or without the right of legal control (in the capacity of owner, lessee, or otherwise) of the aircraft, shall be deemed to be engaged in the operation of aircraft within the meaning of the statutes of this state.

Subd. 11. "Commercial flying" means the carriage by aircraft of persons or property for compensation or hire, or the operation or navigation of aircraft in the conduct or furtherance of a business or vocation.

Subd. 12. "Airman" means any individual who engages, as the person in command, or as pilot, mechanic, or member of the crew, in the navigation of aircraft while under way and (excepting individuals employed outside the United States, any individual employed by a manufacturer of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, or appliances to perform duties as inspector or mechanic in connection therewith, and any individual performing inspection or mechanical duties in connection with aircraft owned or operated by him) any individual who is directly in charge of the inspection, maintenance, overhauling, or repair of aircraft engines, propellers, or appliances; and any individual who serves in the capacity of aircraft dispatcher or air-traffic control-tower operator.

Subd. 13. "Air navigation facility" means any facility other than one owned or controlled by the Federal Government, used in, available for use in, or designed for use in, aid of air navigation, including airports, restricted landing areas, and any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, marks, communicating systems, or other instrumentalities or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking-off, navigation, and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport or restricted landing area, and any combination of any or all of such facilities.

Subd. 14. "State airway" means a route in the navigable air space over and above the lands or water of this state, designated by the commissioner as a route suitable for air navigation.

Subd. 15. "Navigable air space" means air space above the minimum altitudes of flight prescribed by the laws of this state or by regulations of the commissioner consistent therewith.

Subd. 16. "Air instructor" means the imparting of aeronautical information by any aeronautics instructor or in or by any air school or flying club.

Subd. 17. "Air school" means any person engaged in giving, or offering to give, instruction in aeronautics, either in flying or ground subjects, or both, for or without hire or reward, and advertising, representing, or holding himself out as giving or offering to give such instructions. It does not include any public school, the University of Minnesota, or any institution of higher learning accredited by the University of Minnesota and approved by it for carrying on collegiate work:

Subd. 18. "Flying club" means any person other than an individual, which, neither for profit nor reward, owns, leases, or uses one or more aircraft for the purpose of instruction or pleasure, or both.

Subd. 19. "Aeronautics instructor" means any individual engaged in giving instruction, or offering to give instruction, in aeronautics, either in flying or ground subjects, or both, for hire or reward, without advertising such occupation, without calling facilities an "air school," or anything equivalent thereto, and without employing or using other instructors. It does not include any instructor in any public school of this state, the University of Minnesota, or in any institution of higher learning accredited by the University of Minnesota and approved for carrying on collegiate work, while engaged in his duties as such instructor.

Subd. 20. "Municipality" means a city of any class, including a city organized under a charter framed pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article 4, Section 36, a county, a town, a village, or a borough in this state, and any other political subdivision, public corporation, authority, or district in this state which is or may be authorized by law to acquire, establish, construct, maintain, improve, and operate airports and other air navigation facilities.

Subd. 21. "Governing body" means the council, board of trustees, board of commissioners, board of supervisors, or other body, board, commission, or other authority charged with governing any municipality, and in municipalities in which the board of park commissioners or other body in charge of the park system of the municipality controls airports owned by the municipality includes such board or other body.

Subd. 22. "Airport Hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth, or use of land, which obstructs the air space required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at any airport or restricted landing area or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off.

Subd. 23. An airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility is "publicly-owned" if owned by the state or a municipality.

Subd. 24. "Airport protection privileges" means easements through or other interests in air space over land or water, interests in airport hazards outside the boundaries of airports or restricted landing areas, and other protection privileges, the acquisition or control of which is necessary to insure safe approaches to the landing areas of airports and restricted landing areas and the safe and efficient operation thereof.

Subd. 25. "Structure" means any object constructed or installed by man, including, but without limitation, buildings, towers, smoke-stacks, and overhead transmission lines.

Subd. 26. "Tree" means any object of natural growth.

Subd. 27. "Administrative agency" means either a governing body of a municipality or an administrative agency under its jurisdiction to which any powers have been delegated by such governing body.

Subd. 28. "Airport hazard area" means any area of land or water upon which an airport hazard might be established if not prevented as provided in this act.

Subd. 29. When used in this act with reference to an airport, the term "public utility class" means available to the general public for private flying or otherwise as a point of arrival or departure by air.

Subd. 30. "Airport purposes" means and includes airport, restricted landing area, and other air navigation facility purposes.

[1943 c. 653 s. 1; 1945 c. 303 s. 1]

**360.014 DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS; OFFICERS, SALARIES.** Subdivision 1. There is hereby created the department of aeronautics, consisting of the commissioner of aeronautics, his assistants, and such help and employees as may be from time to time appointed or employed.

Subd. 2. There is hereby created the office of commissioner of aeronautics, the incumbent of which shall have the powers and duties and privileges herein set forth. Except for the first term, which shall begin as soon as the governor can reasonably appoint a suitable person and which shall expire January 1, 1947, the term of office shall be four years; the governor, with the consent of the senate, shall appoint a suitable person, having a knowledge of aeronautics to said office. The commissioner of aeronautics shall be subject to removal by the governor for malfeasance or non-feasance in office, and shall be entitled to written notice of the charges against him and allowed a reasonable opportunity to be heard thereon.

Subd. 3. The commissioner shall devote full time to the performance of his official duties and shall receive as compensation therefor a yearly salary of \$6,000, payable semi-monthly.

Subd. 4. The commissioner shall, before entering upon the performance of his official duties, give bond to the state, to be approved by the governor, in the penal sum of \$25,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. If a surety company bond is given, the premium thereon may be paid from the funds available for the payment of the expenses of the department. The amount of such premium so paid shall be approved as to amount by the state treasurer. The state, the several governmental subdivisions thereof, or any person damaged by any wrongful act or omission of the commissioner in the performance of his official duties, may maintain an action on such bond for the recovery of damages so sustained.

Subd. 5. The commissioner shall have an official seal with which he shall authenticate his official acts. There shall be on the margin thereof the words "Commissioner of Aeronautics—State of Minnesota" and in the center thereof the seal of the state.

Subd. 6. The commissioner may appoint an assistant commissioner of aeronautics, who shall be an experienced and registered engineer and qualified to design and plan all classes of airports. The assistant commissioner shall receive a salary of not to exceed \$5,000 a year as fixed by the commissioner, payable semi-monthly. He shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and shall be in the unclassified service of the state. He shall devote full time to the duties of his office. The commissioner may, by written order filed in his office, delegate to him any of the powers or duties vested in or imposed upon said commissioner by this act. Such delegated powers and duties may be exercised by him in the name of the commissioner. Such assistant commissioner shall, before entering upon the performance of his official duties, give bond to the state, in the penal sum of \$10,000 and under the same provisions and conditions as the commissioner's bond.

Subd. 7. The commissioner is authorized to employ such additional skilled and unskilled help and employees as may be needed. Any employee may be required to furnish a bond at the discretion of the commissioner and such bond shall be under the same provisions and conditions as the commissioner's bond.

Subd. 8. The commissioner shall maintain his offices in the metropolitan Twin City area and maintain offices in any other city in the state that he may designate.

Subd. 9. The salaries and expenses of the department shall be paid from the Airports Fund.

[1943 c. 653 s. 2]

**360.015 COMMISSIONER; POWERS AND DUTIES.** Subdivision 1. **General supervision.** The commissioner shall have general supervision over aeronautics within this state. He is empowered and directed to encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aeronautics in this state and to encourage the establishment of airports and other air navigation facilities.

Subd. 2. **Cooperation with federal and other agencies.** He shall cooperate with and assist the federal government, the municipalities of this state, and others engaged in aeronautics or the promotion of aeronautics, and shall seek to coordinate the aeronautical activities of these bodies. To this end, the commissioner is empowered to confer with or to hold joint hearings with any federal aeronautical agency in connection with any matter arising under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, or relating to the sound development of aeronautics, and to avail himself of the cooperation, services, records, and facilities of such federal agencies, as fully as may be practicable, in the administration and enforcement of Laws 1945, Chapter 303. He shall reciprocate by furnishing to the federal agencies his cooperation, services, records, and facilities, in so far as may be practicable.

He shall report to the appropriate federal agency all accidents in aeronautics in this state of which he is informed and preserve, protect, and prevent the removal of the component parts of any aircraft involved in an accident being investigated by him until a federal agency institutes an investigation, and shall report to the appropriate federal agency all refusals by him to register federal licenses, certificates, or permits and all revocations of certificates of registration, and the reasons therefor, and all penalties of which he has knowledge imposed upon airmen for violations of the laws of this state relating to aeronautics or for violations of the rules, regulations, or orders of the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Promulgate rules and regulations.** He may perform such acts, issue and amend such orders, and make, promulgate, and amend such reasonable general or special rules, regulations, and procedure and establish such minimum standards, consistent with the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, as he shall deem necessary to carry out the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and to perform his duties thereunder: all commensurate with and for the purpose of protecting and insuring the general public interest and safety, the safety of persons receiving instruction concerning, or operating, using, or traveling in, aircraft, and of persons and property on land or water, and to develop and promote aeronautics in this state. No rule or regulation of the commissioner shall apply to airports or other air navigation facilities owned or controlled by the federal government within this state.

Whenever valid rules and regulations of the commissioner and rules and regulations of a municipality are inconsistent, the rules and regulations of the commissioner shall control and the rules and regulations of the municipality are void in so far as they are inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the commissioner. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit any powers specifically granted to metropolitan airports commissions by Laws 1943, Chapter 500, Section 7, Subdivisions 1 through 17.

Subd. 4. **Conformity with federal rules.** All rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner under the authority of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall be kept in conformity, as nearly as may be, with the then current federal legislation governing aeronautics and the regulations duly promulgated thereunder and the rules and standards issued from time to time pursuant thereto.

Subd. 5. **Filing of rules.** He shall keep on file with the secretary of the state, and at the principal office of the department, a copy of all his rules and regulations, for public inspection.

Subd. 6. **Design state airway system.** He may designate, design, and establish, expend, or modify a state airways system which will best serve the interests of the state. He may chart such airways system and arrange for publication and distribution of such maps and charts and notices and bulletins relating to such airways as may be required in the public interest. The system shall be supplementary to and coordinated in design and operation with the federal airways system. It may include all types of air navigation facilities which conform to federal safety standards.

Subd. 7. **Technical services to municipalities.** He may, in so far as is reasonably possible, offer the engineering or other technical services of the department, without charge, to any municipality desiring them in connection with the construction, maintenance, or operation or proposed construction, maintenance, or operation of an airport or restricted landing area.

Subd. 8. **Suggest legislation.** He may draft and recommend necessary legislation to advance the interests of the state in aeronautics and represent the state in aeronautical matters before federal agencies and other state agencies.

Subd. 9. **Intervention.** He may participate as party plaintiff or defendant, or as intervenor, on behalf of the state or any municipality or citizen thereof, in any controversy having to do with any claimed encroachment by the federal government or any foreign state upon any state or individual rights pertaining to aeronautics.

Subd. 10. **Enforcement; police power; deputize airport managers.** It shall be the duty of the commissioner, his assistant, and all employees of the department of aeronautics and every state, county, and municipal officer charged with the enforcement of state and municipal laws to enforce and assist in the enforcement of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and of all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, and of all other laws of this state relating to aeronautics, and, in the aid of such enforcement, general police powers are hereby conferred upon the commissioner, his assistant, and such of the employees of the department as may be designated by him to exercise such powers. He may also deputize airports managers to enforce on the airports managed by them all rules and regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, and general police powers are hereby conferred upon such airport managers for the purposes of such enforcement. The commissioner is further authorized, in the name of this state, to enforce the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto by injunction in the courts of this state. Municipalities are authorized to cooperate with the commissioner in the development of aeronautics and aeronautics facilities in this state. The commissioner may use the facilities and services of other agencies of

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the state to the utmost extent possible, and such agencies are authorized and directed to make available such facilities and services.

**Subd. 11. Investigations.** The commissioner, his assistant, or any employee of the department designated by him shall have the power to hold investigations, inquiries, and hearings concerning matters covered by the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and orders, rules, and regulations of the commissioner and concerning accidents in aeronautics within this state. All hearings so conducted shall be open to the public. The commissioner, his assistant, and every employee of the department designated by him to hold any inquiry, investigations, or hearing shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations, certify to all official acts, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers, books, and documents. In case of failure to comply with any subpoena or order issued under authority of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, the commissioner, or his authorized representative, may invoke the aid of any court of this state of general jurisdiction. The court may thereupon order the witness to comply with the requirements of the subpoena or order or to give evidence touching the matter in question. Any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

**Subd. 12. Report of investigations; limitations on use.** In order to facilitate the making of investigations by the commissioner, in the interest of public safety and promotion of aeronautics, the public interest requires, and it is therefore provided, that the reports of investigations or hearings, or any part thereof, shall not be admitted in evidence or used for any purpose in any suit, action, or proceeding growing out of any matter referred to in said investigation, hearing, or report thereof, except in case of criminal or other proceedings instituted in behalf of the commissioner of this state under the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and other laws of this state relating to aeronautics, nor shall the commissioner, his assistant, or any employee of the department be required to testify to any facts ascertained in, or information gained by reason of, his official capacity, or be required to testify as an expert witness in any suit, action, or proceeding involving any aircraft. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the commissioner may in his discretion make available to appropriate federal and state agencies information and material developed in the course of such hearings and investigations.

**Subd. 13. Financial assistance to municipalities.** The commissioner may render assistance in the acquisition, construction, improvement, or maintenance of airports and other air navigation facilities owned, controlled, or operated, or to be owned, controlled, or operated, by municipalities in this state, the cost of such assistance to be paid out of the state airports fund provided for by Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and from appropriations made by the legislature for that purpose. State funds appropriated or made available for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or maintenance of such airports and other air navigation facilities may be expended only upon projects which are included in the state airways system established by the commissioner. No such state funds shall be available for work upon any project that is not done under the supervision of the commissioner, except projects constructed by metropolitan airports commissions organized pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, sections 360.101 to 360.123, inclusive.

**Subd. 14. Contracts.** He may enter into any contracts necessary to the execution of the powers granted him by Laws 1945, Chapter 303.

**Subd. 15. Exclusive rights forbidden; leases permitted.** He shall grant no exclusive right for the use of any airway, airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility under his jurisdiction. This subdivision shall not prevent the making of leases in accordance with other provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303.

**Subd. 16. Effective date of rules and regulations.** Rules and regulations made by the commissioner shall become effective ten days after publications as hereinafter provided. Publication shall be made as follows:

- (a) By filing copies thereof with the secretary of state.
- (b) By mailing copies thereof to all owners and operators or managers of airports or restricted landing areas licensed in the state and to all air schools and aeronautics instructors licensed or registered in the state.
- (c) By having a reasonable number of copies thereof available at the offices of the department, to be furnished to interested persons upon request.

**Subd. 17. Report to governor.** On or before December 31 each year the commissioner shall make to the governor a full report of the proceedings of the depart-

ment for the preceding year, and a biennial report shall be made to each legislature that convenes in regular session within ten days after it first convenes, and with such reports the commissioner may submit such recommendations pertaining to the affairs of the department as seem to him to be desirable.

**Subd. 18. Custodian of records; attorney general designated as attorney.** The commissioner shall be the custodian of and preserve the records of the department and of the official acts and determinations made by himself or his predecessors in office. All of the files and records of the department shall, under reasonable regulations, be open to public inspection, and copies thereof certified by the commissioner as being true copies shall be received in evidence in any court in this state with the same force and effect as the originals. The attorney general shall be ex-officio attorney for the commissioner and shall give him such legal counsel, advice, and assistance as he may require from time to time.

**Subd. 19. Keep books and records.** The commissioner shall keep accurate and complete books of account of such character as may be prescribed by the public examiner, the same to show in detail itemized receipts and disbursements of the airports fund. The books shall show, and it shall be the duty of the public examiner to so prescribe, the following facts, among others:

(a) The expenses of maintaining the department, including the salaries and expenses of the individual members thereof;

(b) The amounts of money expended in each county of the state for the construction or maintenance of airports or restricted landing areas, when, where, and upon what airport or restricted landing area expended, so that the cost for each such airport or restricted landing area can be easily ascertained;

(c) The amount of equipment and materials purchased and when, where, and from whom purchased; these books shall show the price paid for each item; the original invoice shall form a part of the permanent files and records in the department and shall be open to public inspection.

[1945 c. 303 s. 3]

**360.016 FEDERAL AID. Subdivision 1. Cooperation with federal government.** The commissioner is authorized to cooperate with the Government of the United States, and any agency or department thereof, in the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of airports and other air navigation facilities in this state and to comply with the provisions of the laws of the United States and any regulations made thereunder for the expenditure of federal moneys upon such airports and other air navigation facilities.

**Subd. 2. Acceptance of federal moneys.** He is authorized to accept, receive, and receipt for federal moneys and other moneys, either public or private, for and in behalf of this state, or any municipality thereof, for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of airports and other air navigation facilities, whether such work is to be done by the state or by such municipalities, or jointly, aided by grants of aid from the United States, upon such terms and conditions as are or may be prescribed by the laws of the United States and any rules or regulations made thereunder, and he is authorized to act as agent of any municipality of this state, upon the request of such municipality, in accepting, receiving, and receipting for such moneys in its behalf for airports or other air navigation facility purposes and in contracting for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of airports or other air navigation facilities financed either in whole or in part by federal moneys, and the governing body of any such municipality is authorized to designate the commissioner as its agent for such purposes and to enter into an agreement with him prescribing the terms and conditions of such agency in accordance with federal laws, rules, and regulations and with Laws 1945, Chapter 303. Such moneys as are paid over by the United States Government shall be retained by the state or paid over to said municipalities under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the United States Government in making such grants.

**Subd. 3. Contracts; law governing.** All contracts for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of airports, or other air navigation facilities, made by the commissioner, either as the agent of this state or as the agent of any municipality, shall be made pursuant to the laws of this state governing the making of like contracts; provided, that, where the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of any airport or other air navigation facility is financed wholly or partially with federal moneys, the commissioner, as



agent of the state or of any municipality thereof, may let contracts in the manner prescribed by the federal authorities, acting under the laws of the United States and any rules or regulations made thereunder, notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary.

Subd. 4. **Disposition of federal funds.** All moneys accepted for disbursement by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision 2 of this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and, unless otherwise prescribed by the authority from which the money is received, kept in separate funds, designated according to the purposes for which the moneys were made available, and held by the state in trust for such purposes. All such moneys are hereby appropriated for the purposes for which the same were made available, to be expended in accordance with federal laws and regulations and with Laws 1945, Chapter 303. The commissioner is authorized, whether acting for this state or as the agent of any of its municipalities, or when requested by the United States Government or any agency or department thereof, to disburse such moneys for the designated purposes, but this shall not preclude any other authorized method of disbursement.

[1945 c. 303 s. 4]

**360.017 STATE AIRPORTS FUND CREATED.** There is hereby created a fund to be known as the State Airports Fund. Such fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated to it, or directed to be paid into it, by the legislature. The State Airports Fund shall be paid out on authorization of the commissioner and shall be used to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate airports and other air navigation facilities and to assist municipalities in the acquisition, construction, improvement, and maintenance of airports and other air navigation facilities.

[1945 c. 303 s. 5]

**360.018 REGULATION OF AIRCRAFT, AIRMEN, AIRPORTS, AND AIR INSTRUCTION.** Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The general public interest and safety, the safety of persons receiving instruction concerning or operating, using, or traveling in aircraft and of persons and property on the ground, and the interest of aeronautical progress requiring that aircraft operated within this state should be airworthy, that airmen and those engaged in air instruction should be properly qualified, and that airports, restricted landing areas, and air navigation facilities should be suitable for the purposes for which they are designed; the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, requiring that the commissioner should be enabled to exercise the powers of supervision therein granted; and the advantages of uniform regulation making it desirable that aircraft operated within this state should conform with respect to design, construction, and airworthiness to the standards prescribed by the United States Government with respect to civil aircraft subject to its jurisdiction and that persons engaging in aeronautics within this state should have the qualifications necessary for obtaining and holding appropriate airman certificates of the United States, the commissioner is authorized:

(1) To require the registration annually of federal licenses, permits, or certificates of civil aircraft engaged in air navigation within this state, of airmen engaged in aeronautics within this state, and of aeronautics instructors giving instruction in flying subjects (including renewals), and to issue certificates of such registration. Such certificates of registration shall constitute licenses of such aircraft, airmen, and instructors for operations within this state to the extent permitted by the federal licenses, certificates, or permits so registered. He may charge a fee for the registration of each federal license, certificate, or permit not exceeding \$1.00. He may accept as evidence of the holding of a federal license, certificate, or permit the verified application of the owner of the aircraft, the airman, or the instructor, which application shall contain such information as the commissioner may by rule, regulation, or order prescribe. Each application for registration must be made within 30 days from the date of the issuance of the federal license, permit, or certificate or renewal thereof to be registered, or if the owner, airman, or instructor is not a resident of this state on the date of the issuance of such federal license, permit, certificate or renewal, within 30 days after he becomes such resident.

(2) To license the operation of air schools and aeronautics instructors giving instruction in ground subjects in accordance with rules and regulations to be adopted by the commissioner and to annually renew such licenses. He may charge for the original licensing of an air school not more than \$10.00, and for the renewal of any such license not more than \$10.00, and for the original licensing of an aero-

navitics instructor not more than \$2.00, and for each renewal of such license not more than \$2.00.

(3) To approve airport and restricted landing area sites and to license airports, restricted landing areas, or other air navigation facilities, in accordance with rules and regulations to be adopted by the commissioner, and to annually renew such licenses. Licenses granted under this subdivision or under any prior law shall be annually renewed upon payment of the fee therefor, and licenses shall be granted for airports and restricted landing areas which were being operated under a license on the 1st day of July, 1943, without the requirement of a certificate of approval, unless the commissioner shall reasonably determine, after a public hearing to be called by him and held in the same manner and upon the same notice as is provided for hearings upon certificates of approval or original licenses, that the operation of such airport or restricted landing area is hazardous to persons operating, using, or traveling in aircraft or to persons and property on the ground. He shall make no charge for approval certificates of proposed property acquisition for airport or restricted landing area purposes. He may charge for the issuance of each original license for an airport or restricted landing area not to exceed \$10.00 and for each annual renewal of such license not to exceed \$10.00, based on classifications made by the commissioner.

(4) To suspend or revoke any license or certificate of registration of an aircraft, airman, air school, or aeronautics instructor, issued by him, or to refuse to issue any such license or certificate of registration, when he shall reasonably determine that any aircraft is not airworthy or that any airman, air school, or aeronautics instructor is not qualified, has willfully violated the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, the rules and regulations prescribed pursuant thereto, or any other statute of this state relating to aeronautics, or any act of congress or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto, is addicted to the use of narcotics or other habit forming drug, or to the excessive use of intoxicating liquor, has made any false statement in any application for registration of a federal license certificate or permit, or has been guilty of other conduct, acts, or practices dangerous to the public safety and the safety of those engaged in aeronautics.

**Subd. 2. Operations unlawful.** Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause or authorize to be operated any civil aircraft within this state unless such aircraft has an appropriate effective license, certificate, or permit issued by the United States Government which has been registered with the commissioner and such registration with the commissioner is in full force and effect, and it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in aeronautics as an airman in this state unless he has from the commissioner an effective certificate of registration of an appropriate effective airman's license, certificate or permit issued by the United States Government authorizing him to engage in the particular class of aeronautics in which he is engaged.

**Subd. 3. Exceptions to registration requirements.** The provisions of paragraph (1) of Subdivision 1 and Subdivision 2 of this section shall not apply to:

(1) An aircraft which has been licensed by a foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal agreement covering the operations of such licensed aircraft;

(2) An aircraft which is owned by a nonresident of this state who is lawfully entitled to operate such aircraft in the state of his residence;

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

(4) An airman operating military or public aircraft, or any aircraft licensed by a foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal agreement covering the operation of such licensed aircraft;

(5) Persons operating model aircraft, nor to any person piloting an aircraft which is equipped with fully functioning dual controls when a licensed instructor is in full charge of one set of said controls and such flight is solely for instruction or for the demonstration of said aircraft to a bona fide prospective purchaser;

(6) A nonresident operating aircraft in this state who is lawfully entitled to operate aircraft in the state of his residence;

(7) An airman while operating or taking part in the operation of an aircraft engaged principally in commercial flying constituting an act of interstate or foreign commerce.

Subd. 4. **Exhibition of licenses and certificates.** The federal license, certificate, or permit, and the evidence of registration in this or another state, if any, required for an airman shall be kept in the personal possession of the airman when he is operating within this state and must be presented for inspection upon the demand of any passenger, any peace officer of this state, or the commissioner, his assistant, or any employee of the department, or any official, manager, or person in charge of any airport in this state upon which he shall land, or upon the reasonable request of any other person. The federal aircraft license, certificate, or permit, and the evidence of registration in this or another state, if any, required for aircraft must be carried in every aircraft operating in this state at all times and must be conspicuously posted therein where it may readily be seen by passengers or inspectors and must be presented for inspection upon the demand of any passenger, any peace officer of this state, the commissioner, his assistant, or any employee of the department, or any official, manager, or person in charge of any airport in this state upon which it shall land, or upon the reasonable request of any person.

Subd. 5. **Air instruction without license or certificate unlawful.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an air school or to act as an aeronautics instructor in this state unless such person, if an air school or aeronautics instructor in ground subjects, is the holder of an annual license issued by the commissioner or, if an aeronautics instructor in flying subjects, has an appropriate effective license, certificate, or permit issued by the United States Government authorizing him to engage in the particular class of flight instruction in which he is engaged, which has been registered with the commissioner, and such registration with the commissioner is in full force and effect.

Subd. 6. **Licensing of airports and other air navigation facilities.** All proposed airports, restricted landing areas, and other air navigation facilities shall be first licensed by the commissioner before they, or any of them, shall be used or operated. Any municipality or person acquiring property for the purpose of constructing or establishing an airport or restricted landing area shall, prior to such acquisition, make application to the commissioner for a certificate of approval of the site selected and the general purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired, to insure that the property and its use shall conform to minimum standards of safety and shall serve public interest. It shall be unlawful for any municipality or officer or employee thereof, or for any person, to operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility for which an annual license has not been issued by the commissioner.

Subd. 7. **Hearings on application for certificates and licenses.** Whenever the commissioner makes an order granting or denying a certificate of approval of an airport or a restricted landing area, or an original license to use or operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility, and the applicant or any interested municipality, within 15 days after notice of such order has been sent the applicant by registered mail, demands a public hearing, or whenever the commissioner desires to hold a public hearing before making an order, such a public hearing in relation thereto shall be held in the municipality applying for the certificate of approval or license or, in case the application was made by anyone other than a municipality, at the county seat of the county in which the proposed airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility is proposed to be situated, at which hearing parties in interest and other persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. Notice of the hearing shall be published by the commissioner in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the hearing is to be held, at least twice, the first publication to be at least 15 days prior to the date of hearing. After a proper and timely demand has been made, the order shall be stayed until after the hearing, when the commissioner may affirm, modify, or reverse it, or make a new order. If no hearing is demanded as herein provided, the order shall become effective upon the expiration of the time permitted for making a demand. Where a certificate of approval of an airport or restricted landing area has been issued by the commissioner, he may grant a license for operation and use, and no hearing may be demanded thereon.

Subd. 8. **Standards for issuing certificates of approval and licenses.** In determining whether he shall issue a certificate of approval or license for the use or operation of any proposed airport or restricted landing area, the commissioner shall take into consideration its proposed location, size, and layout, the relationship of the proposed airport or restricted landing area to a comprehensive plan for state-

wide and nation-wide development, whether there are safe areas available for expansion purposes, whether the adjoining area is free from obstructions based on a proper glide ratio, the nature of the terrain, the nature of the uses to which the proposed airport or restricted landing area will be put, and the possibilities for future development.

Subd. 9. **Exceptions; federal use.** The provisions of subdivisions 6, 7, and 8 shall not apply to any airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility owned or operated by the federal government within this state, or by any public corporation created in and for contiguous cities of the first class of this state. No airport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility shall be acquired or operated within 25 miles of the city hall of either of two contiguous cities of the first class for which a public corporation has been created pursuant to Laws 1943, Chapter 500, without the consent of such corporation.

Subd. 10. **Revocation of certificate of approval and licenses.** The commissioner is empowered to suspend or revoke any certificate of approval or license issued by him when he shall determine that an airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility is not being maintained or used in accordance with the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and the rules and regulations lawfully promulgated pursuant thereto.

Subd. 11. **Examination of premises.** To carry out the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, the commissioner, his assistant, the employees of the department, and any officers, state or municipal, charged with the duty of enforcing Laws 1945, Chapter 303, may inspect and examine at reasonable hours any premises, and the buildings and other structures thereon, where airports, restricted landing areas, air schools, flying clubs, or other air navigation facilities or aeronautical activities are operated or carried on.

[1945 c. 303 s. 6]

**360.019 ORDERS OF COMMISSIONER; REVIEW.** Subdivision 1. **Refusals; findings of fact; requirements.** In any case where the commissioner refuses to issue a certificate of approval of or license (or renewal of license) for an airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility, or refuses to permit the registration of any license, certificate, or permit, or refuses to grant a license to an air school or to an aeronautics instructor in ground subjects, or in any case where he shall issue any order requiring certain things to be done, or revoking any license or certificate, he shall set forth his reasons therefor and shall state the requirements to be met before such approval will be given, registration permitted, license granted, or order modified or changed. Any order made by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall be served upon the interested persons by registered mail or in person.

Subd. 2. **Review by certiorari.** Any person aggrieved by an order of the commissioner or by the granting or denial of any license, certificate, or registration may have the action of the commissioner reviewed by certiorari in the District Court of Ramsey County.

[1945 c. 303 s. 7]

**360.021 ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF STATE AIRPORTS.** Subdivision 1. **Authority to establish.** The commissioner is authorized and empowered, on behalf of and in the name of this state, within the limitation of available appropriations, to acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, property, real or personal, for the purpose of establishing and constructing airports, restricted landing areas, and other air navigation facilities, and to acquire in like manner, own, control, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, and police such airports, restricted landing areas, and other air navigation facilities, either within or without this state; to make, prior to any such acquisition, investigations, surveys, and plans, to erect, install, construct, and maintain at such airports facilities for the servicing of aircraft and for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers and to dispose of any such property, airport, restricted landing area, or any other air navigation facility, by sale, lease, or otherwise, in accordance with the laws of this state governing the disposition of other like property of the state. He may not acquire or take over any airport, restricted landing area, or other air navigation facility without the consent of the owner. He may erect, equip, operate, and maintain on any airport buildings and equipment

necessary and proper to establish, maintain, and conduct such airport and air navigation facilities connected therewith.

**Subd. 2. Airport protection privileges.** Where necessary in order to provide unobstructed air space for the landing and taking off of aircraft utilizing airports and restricted landing areas acquired or operated under the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, he is hereby granted authority to acquire, in the same manner as is provided for the acquisition of property for airport purposes, easements through or other interests in air space over land or water, interests in airport hazards outside the boundaries of the airports or restricted landing areas, and such other airport protection privileges as are necessary to insure safe approaches to the landing areas of said airports and restricted landing areas, and the safe and efficient operation thereof. He is also hereby authorized to acquire, in the same manner, the right of easement, for a term of years or perpetually, to place or maintain suitable marks for the daytime marking and suitable lights for the night-time marking of airport hazards, including the right of ingress and egress to or from such airport hazards for the purpose of maintaining and repairing such lights and marks. This authority shall not be so construed as to limit the right, power, or authority of the state or any municipality to zone property adjacent to any airport or restricted landing area pursuant to any law of this state.

**Subd. 3. Joint operations.** This state, acting through the commissioner, may engage in all such activities jointly with the United States, other states, and with municipalities or other agencies of this state.

**Subd. 4. Condemnation.** He may exercise the right of eminent domain, in the name of the state, in the manner provided by the laws of this state for the acquisition of real property for public purposes, for the purpose of acquiring any property which he is herein authorized to acquire by condemnation. The fact that the property so needed has been acquired by the owner under power of eminent domain shall not prevent its acquisition by the exercise of the right of eminent domain herein conferred. For the purpose of making surveys and examinations relative to any condemnation proceedings, it shall be lawful to enter upon any land, doing no unnecessary damage. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, or the charter of any municipality, he may take possession of any such property so to be acquired at any time after the filing of the petition describing the same in condemnation proceedings. He shall not be precluded from abandoning the condemnation of any such property in any case where possession thereof has not been taken.

**Subd. 5. Leases and sales.** He may lease for a term not exceeding 30 years such airports, or other air navigation facilities or real property acquired or set apart for airport purposes, to private parties, any municipal or state government or the national government, or any department of either thereof, for operation; and may lease or assign for a term not exceeding 30 years to private parties, any municipal or state government or the national government, or any department of either, for operation or use consistent with the purposes of this act, space, area, improvements, or equipment on such airports; may sell any part of such airports, other air navigation facilities, or real property to any municipal or state government, or to the United States or any department or instrumentality thereof, for aeronautical purposes or purposes incidental thereto; and may confer the privilege of concessions of supplying upon the airports goods, commodities, things, services, and facilities: provided that in each case in so doing the public is not deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use thereof.

**Subd. 6. Charges and rentals.** He shall have the authority to determine the charges or rental for the use of any properties and the charges for any service or accommodations under his control and the terms and conditions under which such properties may be used; provided that in all cases the public is not deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use of such property. Charges shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of service and established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expenses of operation to the state. The state shall have and the commissioner may enforce liens, as provided by law for liens and the enforcement thereof, for repairs to or improvement or storage or care of any personal property, to enforce the payment of any such charges.

[1945 c. 303 s. 8]

**360.022 PENALTIES.** Any person violating any of the provisions of section 360.018, or any of the rules, regulations, or orders issued pursuant to the provisions of section 360.015, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of

not more than \$100 or by imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or both, and each such violation, or in the case of continuing offenses each day's violation, shall constitute a separate offense.

[1945 c. 303 s. 9]

#### REVISED UNIFORM AIRPORTS ACT

**360.031 DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of sections 360.031 to 360.045, inclusive (except section 360.042), only, "municipality" means any county, city, village, town, or borough of this state.

[1945 c. 303 s. 10]

**360.032 MUNICIPALITIES MAY ACQUIRE AIRPORTS.** Subdivision 1. **Acquisition.** Every municipality is hereby authorized, through its governing body, to acquire property, real or personal, for the purpose of establishing, constructing, and enlarging airports and other air navigation facilities and to acquire, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, and regulate such airports and other air navigation facilities and structures and other property incidental to their operation, either within or without the territorial limits of such municipality and within or without this state; to make, prior to any such acquisition, investigations, surveys, and plans; to construct, install, and maintain airport facilities for the servicing of aircraft and for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers; and to purchase and sell equipment and supplies as an incident to the operation of its airport properties. It may not acquire, or take over any airport or other air navigation facility owned or controlled by any other municipality of the state without the consent of such municipality. It may use for airport purposes any available property that is now or may at any time hereafter be owned or controlled by it. Such air navigation facilities as are established on airports shall be supplementary to and coordinated in design and operation with those established and operated by the federal and state governments. It may assist other municipalities in the construction of approach roads leading to any airport or restricted landing area owned or controlled by it.

Subd. 2. **Manner of acquisition.** Property needed by a municipality for an airport or restricted landing area, or for the enlargement of either, or for other airport purposes, may be acquired by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or other means if such municipality is able to agree with the owners of said property on the terms of such acquisition, and otherwise by condemnation in the manner provided by the law under which such municipality is authorized to acquire like property for public purposes, full power to exercise the right of eminent domain for such purposes being hereby granted every municipality both within and without its territorial limits. If but one municipality is involved and the charter of such municipality prescribes a method of acquiring property by condemnation, proceedings shall be had pursuant to the provisions of such charter and may be followed as to property within or without its territorial limits. Any title to real property so acquired shall be in fee simple, absolute and unqualified in any way. The fact that the property needed has been acquired by the owner under power of eminent domain shall not prevent its acquisition by the municipality by the exercise of the right of eminent domain herein conferred. For the purpose of making surveys and examinations relative to any condemnation proceedings, it shall be lawful to enter upon any land, doing no unnecessary damage. Notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other statute or the provisions of any charter, the municipality may take possession of any such property so to be acquired at any time after the filing of the petition describing the same in condemnation proceedings. It shall not be precluded from abandoning the condemnation of any such property in any case where possession thereof has not been taken.

Subd. 3. **Property and easements adjoining.** Where necessary, in order to provide unobstructed air space for the landing and taking off of aircraft utilizing airports or restricted landing areas acquired or operated under the provisions of this act, every municipality is authorized to acquire, in the same manner as is provided for the acquisition of property for airport purposes, easements through or other interests in air space over land or water, interests in airport hazards outside the boundaries of the airports or restricted landing areas, and such other airport protection privileges as are necessary to insure safe approaches to the landing areas of said airports or restricted landing areas and the safe and efficient operation thereof. It is also hereby authorized to acquire, in the same manner, the right or

easement, for a term of years or perpetually, to place or maintain suitable marks for the daytime marking and suitable lights for the nighttime marking of airport hazards, including the right of ingress and egress to or from such airport hazards, for the purpose of maintaining and repairing such lights and marks. This authority shall not be so construed as to limit any right, power, or authority to zone property adjacent to airports and restricted landing areas under the provisions of any law of this state.

**Subd. 4. Regulation of buildings and trees on adjoining property.** It shall be unlawful for anyone to build, rebuild, create, or cause to be built, rebuilt, or created, any object, or plant, cause to be planted, or permit to grow higher any tree or trees or other vegetation, which shall encroach upon any airport protection privileges acquired pursuant to the provisions of this section. Any such encroachment is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated in the manner prescribed by law for the abatement of public nuisances, or the municipality in charge of the airport or restricted landing area for which airport protection privileges have been acquired as in this section provided may go upon the land of others and remove any such encroachment without being liable for damages in so doing.

[1945 c. 303 s. 11]

**360.033 SOVEREIGN RIGHTS.** Subdivision 1. **Public necessity.** The acquisition of any lands for the purpose of establishing airports or other air navigation facilities; the acquisition of airport protection privileges; the acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, and operation of airports and other air navigation facilities, and the exercise of any other powers herein granted to the state or to municipalities are hereby declared to be public, governmental, and municipal functions, exercised for a public purpose, and matters of public necessity, and such lands and other property, easements, and privileges acquired and used by the state and such municipalities in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall and are hereby declared to be acquired and used for public, governmental, and municipal purposes and as a matter of public necessity.

**Subd. 2. Tort action denied.** No action or suit sounding in tort shall be brought or maintained against the state, any municipality, or the officers, agents, servants, or employees thereof, on account of any act done in or about the construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, operation, regulation, superintendence, or management of any airport or other air navigation facility.

[1945 c. 303 s. 12]

**360.034 PRIOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY VALIDATED.** Any acquisition of property within or without the limits of any municipality for airports and other air navigation facilities, or of airport protection privileges, heretofore made by any such municipality in any manner, together with the conveyance and acceptance thereof, is hereby legalized and made valid and effective.

[1945 c. 303 s. 13]

**360.035 EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.** Any property acquired or used by a municipality pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall be exempt from taxation to the same extent as other property used for public purposes.

[1945 c. 303 s. 14]

**360.036 PURCHASE PRICE; COST OF IMPROVEMENT.** Subdivision 1. **Proportion; "cost" includes awards and rentals.** The cost of investigating, surveying, planning, acquiring, establishing, constructing, enlarging, or improving or equipping airports and other air navigation facilities, and the sites therefor, including structures and other property incidental to their operation, in accordance with the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, may be paid for by appropriation of moneys available therefor, or wholly or partly from the proceeds of bonds of the municipality, as the governing body of the municipality shall determine. The word "cost" includes awards in condemnation proceedings and rentals where an acquisition is by lease.

**Subd. 2. Issuance of bonds.** Any bonds to be issued by any municipality pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall be authorized and issued in the manner and within the limitation, except as herein otherwise provided, pre-

scribed by the laws of this state or the charter of the municipality for the issuance and authorization of bonds thereof for public purposes generally.

**Subd. 3. In excess of tax limitation.** Irrespective of any limitation, by general or special law or charter, as to the amount of bonds which may be issued, a municipality may issue bonds for the purposes defined by Laws 1945, Chapter 303, in excess of such limitation, in such amount as may be authorized by an ordinance or resolution referred to and approved by the voters of such municipality by popular vote, at any general election or special election called for that purpose.

**Subd. 4. Bonds heretofore issued.** The amount of all bonds heretofore or hereafter issued by any municipality for the purposes defined in Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall not be counted or included in the net indebtedness of the municipality or in any computation of the outstanding indebtedness of the municipality for the purpose of determining the limit of net indebtedness thereof.

**Subd. 5. Bonds for preliminary purposes.** In all cases where a municipality has heretofore issued any bonds for the purpose of investigating, surveying, planning, acquiring, establishing, constructing, enlarging, equipping, or improving any airport, or other air navigation facility, or site therefor, or to meet the cost of structures or other property incidental to their operation, whether such airport or other air navigation facility was termed under the law existing at the time of the issuance of such bonds an airport, a landing field, a landing strip, an aviation field, or a flying field, or has incurred any other indebtedness, or entered into any lease or other contract in connection with the acquisition, establishment, construction, ownership, enlargement, control, leasing, equipment, improvement, maintenance, operation, or regulation of any such airport or other air navigation facility, or site therefor, or structure or other property incidental to its operation, the proceedings heretofore taken in all such cases are hereby in all respects validated and confirmed; any bonds already issued thereunder are validated and made legal obligations of such municipality, and such municipality is hereby authorized and empowered, pursuant to such proceedings, to issue further bonds for such purposes up to the limit fixed in the original authorization thereof, without limitation of the general power herein granted to all municipalities in this state, which bonds when issued shall be legal obligations of such municipality according to their terms.

[1945 c. 303 s. 15]

### 360.037 APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS. Subdivision

**1. Authority to appropriate.** The governing bodies having power to appropriate moneys within the municipalities in this state acquiring, establishing, constructing, enlarging, improving, maintaining, equipping, or operating airports and other air navigation facilities under the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, are hereby authorized to appropriate and cause to be raised, by taxation or otherwise in such municipalities, moneys sufficient to carry out therein the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303. Expenditures by counties shall be made out of the general revenue fund only.

**Subd. 2. In excess of tax limitation.** Irrespective of any limitation, by general or special law or charter, as to the amount or total of taxes that may be levied, a municipality may levy taxes for the purposes authorized by Laws 1945, Chapter 303, in excess of such limitations, in such amount as may be authorized by an ordinance or resolution referred to and approved by the voters of such municipality by popular vote; provided, such levies shall be within the limits fixed by Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 275.10, 275.11, 275.32, and 275.44.

**Subd. 3. Use of revenues.** The revenues obtained from the ownership, control, and operation of any such airport or other air navigation facility shall be used, first, to finance the maintenance and operating expenses thereof and, second, to make payments of interest on and current principal requirements of any outstanding bonds or certificates issued for the acquisition or improvement thereof, and to make payment of interest on any mortgage heretofore made. Revenues in excess of the foregoing requirements may be applied to finance the extension or improvement of the airport or other air navigation facilities.

[1945 c. 303 s. 16]

**360.038 SPECIFIC POWERS OF MUNICIPALITIES. Subdivision 1. Acquisition of property.** In addition to the general powers in Laws 1945, Chapter 303, conferred, and without limitation thereof, a municipality which has established or may hereafter establish airports, restricted landing areas, or other air navigation



facilities, or which has acquired or set apart, or may hereafter acquire or set apart, real property for such purpose or purposes is hereby authorized:

**Subd. 2. Construction or improvement.** To vest authority for the construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, and regulation thereof in an officer, a board or body of such municipality, now existing or hereafter provided for pursuant to law or charter, by ordinance or resolution which shall prescribe the powers and duties of such officer, board, or body. The expense of such construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, and regulation shall be a responsibility of the municipality.

**Subd. 3. Adopt rules and regulations.** To adopt and amend all needful rules, regulations, and ordinances for the management, government, and use of any properties under its control, whether within or without the territorial limits of the municipality; to appoint airport guards or police, with full police powers; to fix by ordinance or resolution, as may be appropriate, penalties for the violation of said rules, regulations, and ordinances and enforce said penalties in the same manner in which penalties prescribed by other rules, regulations, and ordinances of the municipality are enforced. For the purposes of such management and government and direction of public use, such part of all highways, roads, streets, avenues, boulevards, and territory as adjoins or lies within one mile of the limits of any airport or restricted landing area acquired or maintained under the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall be under like control and management of the municipality. It may also adopt and enact rules, regulations, and ordinances designed to safeguard the public upon or beyond the limits of private airports or landing strips within such municipality or its police jurisdiction against the perils and hazards of instrumentalities used in aerial navigation. Rules, regulations, and ordinances shall be published as provided by general law or the charter of the municipality for the publication of similar rules, regulations, and ordinances. They must conform to and be consistent with the laws of this state and the rules and regulations of the commissioner and shall be kept in conformity, as nearly as may be, with the then current federal legislation governing aeronautics and the regulations duly promulgated thereunder and rules and standards issued from time to time pursuant thereto.

**Subd. 4. Leased property.** To lease for a term not exceeding 30 years such airports or other air navigation facilities, or real property acquired or set apart for airport purposes, to private parties, any municipal or state government or the national government, or any department of either thereof, for operation; to lease or assign for a term not exceeding 30 years to private parties, any municipal or state government, or the national government, or any department of either thereof, for operation or use consistent with the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, space, area, improvements, or equipment on such airports; to sell any part of such airports, other air navigation facilities, or real property to any municipal or state government, or to the United States or any department or instrumentality thereof, for aeronautical purposes or purposes incidental thereto, and to confer the privileges of concessions of supplying upon its airports goods, commodities, things, services, and facilities: provided that in each case in so doing the public is not deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use thereof.

**Subd. 5. Sell or lease property.** (1) To sell or lease any property, real or personal, acquired for airport purposes and belonging to the municipality, which, in the judgment of its governing body, may not be required for aeronautic purposes, in accordance with the laws of this state, or the provisions of the charter of the municipality, governing the sale or leasing of similar municipally owned property.

(2) The proceeds of sale of any property the purchase price of which was obtained by the sale of bonds shall be deposited in the sinking fund from which funds have been authorized to be taken to finance such bonds. In the event all the proceeds of such sale are not needed to pay the principal of said bonds remaining unpaid, the remainder shall be paid into the general fund of the municipality. The proceeds of sales of property the purchase price of which was paid from appropriations shall be paid into the general fund of the municipality.

**Subd. 6. Determine rental charges.** To determine the charges or rental for the use of any properties under its control and the charges for any services or accommodations and the terms and conditions under which such properties may be used; provided that in all cases the public is not deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use of such property. Charges shall be reasonable and uniform for the same

class of service and established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expense of operation to the municipality. The municipality shall have and may enforce liens, as provided by law for liens and enforcement thereof, for repairs to or improvement or storage or care of any personal property, to enforce the payment of any such charges.

Subd. 7. **Exercise general and special powers.** To exercise all powers necessarily incidental to the exercise of the general and special powers herein granted.

[1945 c. 303 s. 17]

**360.039 FEDERAL AID.** Subdivision 1. **Acceptance of aid.** A municipality is authorized to accept, receive, and receipt for federal moneys, and other moneys, either public or private, for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, or operation of airports and other air navigation facilities and site therefor and to comply with the provisions of the laws of the United States and any rules and regulations made thereunder for the expenditure of federal moneys upon such airports and other air navigation facilities.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner to be financial agent.** The governing body of any municipality is authorized to designate the commissioner as its agent to accept, receive and receipt for federal moneys in its behalf for airport purposes and to contract for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, or operation of such airports, or other air navigation facilities, and may enter into an agreement with such commissioner prescribing the terms and conditions of such agency in accordance with federal laws, rules, and regulations and applicable laws of this state. Such moneys as are paid over by the United States Government shall be paid over to said municipality under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the United States Government in making such grant.

Subd. 3. **Contracts made pursuant to law.** All contracts for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, or operation of airports or other air navigation facilities, made by the municipality itself or through the agency of the commissioner, shall be made pursuant to the laws of this state governing the making of like contracts; provided, however, that, where such acquisition, construction, improvement, enlargement, maintenance, equipment, or operation is financed wholly or partly with federal moneys, the municipality, or the commissioner as its agent, may let contracts in the manner prescribed by the federal authorities, acting under the laws of the United States, and any rules or regulations made thereunder, notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary.

[1945 c. 303 s. 18]

**360.041 AIRPORTS ON WATERS AND RECLAIMED LAND.** Subdivision 1. **Acquisition.** The powers herein granted to a municipality to establish and maintain airports shall include the power to establish and maintain such airports in, over, and upon any public waters of this state within the limits or jurisdiction of or bordering on the municipality, any submerged land under such public waters, and any artificial or reclaimed land which before the artificial making or reclamation thereof constituted a portion of the submerged land under such public waters, and as well the power to construct and maintain terminal buildings, landing floats, causeways, roadways and bridges for approaches to or connecting with the airport, and landing floats and breakwaters for the protection of any such airport.

Subd. 2. **Incidental powers.** All the other powers herein granted municipalities with reference to airports on land are granted to them with reference to such airports in, over, and upon public waters, submerged land under public waters, and artificial or reclaimed land.

[1945 c. 303 s. 19]

**360.042 JOINT OPERATIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Municipalities may act jointly.** All powers, rights, and authority granted to any municipality in Laws 1945, Chapter 303, may be exercised and enjoyed by two or more municipalities, or by this state and one or more municipalities therein, acting jointly, either within or without the territorial limits of either or any of said municipalities and within or without this state or any municipality therein acting jointly with any other state or municipality therein, either within or without this state, provided the laws of such other state permit such joint action.

Subd. 2. **State a municipality.** For the purposes of this section only, unless another intention clearly appears or the context otherwise requires, this state shall

be included in the term "municipality," and all the powers conferred upon municipalities in Laws 1945, Chapter 303, if not otherwise conferred by law, are hereby conferred upon this state when acting jointly with any municipality or municipalities. Where reference is made to the "governing body" of a municipality, that term shall mean, as to the state, the commissioner.

**Subd. 3. Concurrent action.** Any two or more municipalities may enter into agreements with each other, duly authorized by ordinance or resolution, as may be appropriate, for joint action pursuant to the provisions of this section. Concurrent action by the governing bodies of the municipalities involved shall constitute joint action.

**Subd. 4. Provisions.** Each such agreement shall specify its term; the proportionate interest which each municipality shall have in the property, facilities, and privileges involved; and the proportion of preliminary costs, costs of acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, and equipment, and of expenses of maintenance, operation, and regulation to be borne by each; and make such other provisions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. It shall provide for amendments thereof and for conditions and methods of termination, for the disposition of all or any part of the property, facilities, and privileges jointly owned if said property, facilities, and privileges, or any part thereof, shall cease to be used for the purposes herein provided or if the agreement shall be terminated, and for the distribution of the proceeds received upon any such disposition, and of any funds or other property jointly owned and undisposed of, and the assumption or payment of any indebtedness arising from the joint venture which remains unpaid, upon any such disposition or upon a termination of the agreement.

**Subd. 5. Establishment of board.** Municipalities acting jointly as herein authorized shall create a board from the inhabitants of such municipalities for the purpose of acquiring property for establishing, constructing, enlarging, improving, maintaining, equipping, operating, and regulating the airports and other air navigation facilities and airport protection privileges to be jointly acquired, controlled, and operated. Such board shall consist of members to be appointed by the governing body of each municipality involved, the number to be appointed by each to be provided for by the agreement for the joint venture. Each member shall serve for such time and upon such terms as to compensation, if any, as may be provided for in the agreement.

**Subd. 6. Organization; election.** Each such board shall organize, select officers for terms to be fixed by the agreement, and adopt and from time to time amend rules of procedure.

**Subd. 7. Powers of board.** Such board may exercise, on behalf of the municipalities acting jointly by which it is appointed, all the powers of each of such municipalities granted by Laws 1945, Chapter 303, except as herein provided. Real property, airports, restricted landing areas, air protection privileges, or personal property costing in excess of a sum to be fixed by the joint agreement may be acquired, and condemnation proceedings may be instituted, only by authority of the governing bodies of each of the municipalities involved. The total amount of expenditures to be made by the board for any purpose in any calendar year shall be determined by the municipalities involved by the approval by each on or before the preceding December 1st of a budget for the ensuing calendar year. Rules and regulations provided for by section 360.038, subdivision 3, shall become effective only upon approval of each of the appointing governing bodies. No real property and no airport, other air navigation facility, or air protection privilege, owned jointly, shall be disposed of by the board, by sale, lease, or otherwise, except by authority of all the appointing governing bodies, but the board may lease space, area, or improvements and grant concessions on airports for aeronautical purposes or purposes incidental thereto, subject to the provisions of section 360.038, subdivision 4.

**Subd. 8. Enactment of ordinances.** Each municipality, acting jointly with another, pursuant to the provisions of this section, is authorized and empowered to enact, concurrently with the other municipalities involved, such ordinances as are provided for by section 360.038, subdivision 3, and to fix by such ordinances penalties for the violation thereof, which ordinances, when so concurrently adopted, shall have the same force and effect within the municipalities and on any property jointly controlled by them or adjacent thereto, whether within or without the territorial limits of either or any of them, as ordinances of each municipality involved, and

may be enforced in any one of said municipalities in like manner as are its individual ordinances. The consent of the commissioner to any such ordinance, where the state is a party to the joint venture, shall be equivalent to the enactment of the ordinance by a municipality. The publication provided for in section 360.038, subdivision 3, shall be made in each municipality involved in the manner provided by law or charter for publication of its individual ordinances.

**Subd. 9. Condemnation proceedings.** Condemnation proceedings shall be instituted in the names of the municipalities jointly, and the property acquired shall be held by the municipalities as tenants in common. The provisions of section 360.032, subdivision 2, shall apply to such proceedings.

**Subd. 10. Joint fund.** For the purpose of providing funds for necessary expenditures in carrying out the provisions of this section, a joint fund shall be created and maintained, into which each of the municipalities involved shall deposit its proportionate share as provided by the joint agreement, such funds to be provided for by bond issues, tax levies, and appropriations made by each municipality in the same manner as though it were acting separately under the authority of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and into which shall be paid the revenues obtained from the ownership, control, and operation of the airports and other air navigation facilities jointly controlled, to be expended as provided in section 360.037, subdivision 3; revenues in excess of cost of maintenance and operating expenses of the joint properties to be divided as may be provided in the original agreement for the joint venture.

**Subd. 11. Disbursements.** All disbursements from such fund shall be made by order of the board in accordance with such rules and regulations and for such purposes as the appointing governing bodies, acting jointly, shall prescribe.

**Subd. 12. Specific performance.** Specific performance of the provisions of any joint agreement entered into as provided for in this section may be enforced as against any party thereto by the other party or parties thereto.

[1945 c. 303 s. 20]

**360.043 ASSISTANCE TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES.** Whenever the governing body of any municipality determines that the public interest and the interests of the municipality will be served by assisting any other municipality in exercising the powers and authority granted by Laws 1945, Chapter 303, such first-mentioned municipality is expressly authorized and empowered to furnish such assistance by gift, or lease with or without rental, of real property, by the donation, lease with or without rental, or loan of personal property, and by the appropriation of moneys, which may be provided for by taxation or the issuance of bonds in the same manner as funds might be provided for the same purposes if the municipality were exercising the powers heretofore granted in its own behalf.

[1945 c. 303 s. 21]

**360.044 COUNTIES; AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY GRANTED.** Subdivision 1. The purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, are specifically declared to be county purposes as well as generally public, governmental, and municipal.

Subd. 2. The powers therein granted to all municipalities are specifically declared to be granted to counties in this state, any other statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

[1945 c. 303 s. 22]

**360.045 JURISDICTION EXCLUSIVE.** Every airport and other air navigation facility controlled and operated by any municipality, or jointly controlled and operated pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall, subject to federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, be under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the municipality or municipalities controlling and operating it, and no other municipality in which such airport or air navigation facility is situated shall have any police jurisdiction of the same or any authority to charge or exact any license fees or occupation taxes for the operations thereon. Such municipality or municipalities shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the adjacent territory described in section 360.038, subdivision 3.

[1945 c. 303 s. 23]

## AIRPORT ZONING ACT

**360.061 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 360.061 to 360.074, inclusive:

Subd. 2. The term "airport" includes restricted landing area.

Subd. 3. "Municipality" does not include a county unless the county owns or controls an airport, in which case such county may exercise all the powers granted by said sections to other municipalities. It specifically includes metropolitan airports commissions created in and for contiguous cities of the first class.

Subd. 4. "County" includes "counties".

[1945 c. 303 s. 24]

**360.062 HAZARDS CONTRARY TO PUBLIC INTERESTS.** It is hereby found that an airport hazard endangers the lives and property of users of the airport and of occupants of land in its vicinity, and also if of the obstruction type, in effect reduces the size of the area available for the landing, taking-off, and maneuvering of aircraft, thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport and the public investment therein. Accordingly, it is hereby declared: (1) that the creation or establishment of an airport hazard is a public nuisance and an injury to the community served by the airport in question; (2) that it is therefore necessary in the interest of the public health, public safety, and general welfare that the creation or establishment of airport hazards be prevented; and (3) that this should be accomplished to the extent legally possible, by exercise of the police power, without compensation. It is further declared that both the prevention of the creation or establishment of airport hazards and the elimination, removal, alteration, mitigation, or marking and lighting of existing airport hazards are public purposes for which political subdivisions may raise and expend public funds and acquire land or property interests therein.

[1945 c. 303 s. 25]

**360.063 ZONING REGULATIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Enforcement under police power.** In order to prevent the creation or establishment of airport hazards, every municipality having an airport hazard area within its territorial limits may adopt, amend from time to time, administer, and enforce, under the police power and in the manner and upon the conditions hereinafter prescribed, airport zoning regulations for such airport hazard area, which regulations may divide such area into zones, and, within such zones, specify the land uses permitted and regulate and restrict the height to which structures and trees may be erected or allowed to grow, such power to be exercised by metropolitan airports commissions in contiguous cities of the first class in and for which they have been created.

Subd. 2. **Powers of county.** Where an airport is owned or controlled by a municipality and any airport hazard area appertaining to such airport is located outside the territorial limits of the municipality, the county in which the airport hazard area is located shall exercise the powers granted to municipalities by subdivision 1 of this section.

Subd. 3. **Joint airport zoning board.** Where an airport is owned or controlled by a municipality and any airport hazard area appertaining to such airport is located outside the territorial limits of the municipality, the municipality owning or controlling the airport and the county within which the airport hazard area is located may, by ordinance or resolution duly adopted, create a joint airport zoning board, which board shall have the same power to adopt, administer, and enforce airport zoning regulations applicable to the airport hazard area in question as that vested by subdivision 1 in the municipality within which such area is located. Each such joint board shall have as members two representatives appointed by the municipality owning or controlling the airport and two from the county, or in case more than one county is involved two from each county, in which the airport hazard is located, and in addition a chairman elected by a majority of the members so appointed.

Subd. 4. **Airport approach.** The commissioner may recommend an airport approach plan for each publicly owned airport in the state and for each privately owned airport of the publicly owned class and from time to time recommend revisions of any such plan. Each such plan shall indicate the circumstances in which structures or trees are or would be airport hazards, the airport hazard area, and what measures should be taken to eliminate airport hazards. He shall prescribe minimum airport approach and turning standards for airports of various classes,

and all airport zoning regulations adopted by any municipality, county, or joint airport zoning board shall conform to such minimum standards.

**Subd. 5. Procedure when county fails to act.** If a county within which is located an airport hazard area appertaining to an airport owned or controlled by a municipality, which airport hazard is outside the territorial limits of the municipality, fails within 60 days after a request by the municipality owning or controlling the airport to adopt, or thereafter fails to enforce, airport zoning regulations conforming to the minimum standards prescribed by the commissioner as provided for in subdivision 4 of this section, or if that county refuses to join in creating a joint airport zoning board as authorized in subdivision 3 of this section, the municipality owning or controlling the airport may itself adopt, administer, and enforce airport zoning regulations for the airport hazard area in question. In the event of conflict between such regulations and any airport zoning regulations adopted by the county within which the airport hazard area is located, the regulations of the municipality owning or controlling the airport shall govern and prevail.

**Subd. 6. Procedure when zoning board fails to act.** If any municipality, county, or joint airport zoning board fails to adopt within a reasonable time airport zoning regulations in accordance with the provisions of this act or adopts regulations or amendments which do not conform to the minimum standard prescribed by the commissioner, he may, for the protection of the public safety, adopt or supplement and from time to time as may be necessary amend, supplement, or repeal such regulations for such municipality or county until airport zoning regulations provided for in Laws 1945, Chapter 303, are adopted by such municipality, county, or joint airport zoning board. He shall have the same powers with reference to such airport zoning regulations as are granted in Laws 1945, Chapter 303, to municipalities, administrative boards, and boards of adjustment. Any action of the commissioner taken under this subdivision shall be subject to review by the courts as provided in section 360.072.

[1945 c. 303 s. 26]

**360.064 ZONING REGULATIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Comprehensive regulations.** In the event that a municipality has adopted, or hereafter adopts, a comprehensive zoning ordinance regulating, among other things the height of buildings, any airport zoning regulations applicable to the same area or portion thereof may be incorporated in and made a part of such comprehensive zoning regulations and be administered and enforced in connection therewith.

**Subd. 2. In the event of conflict.** In the event of conflict between any airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and any other regulations applicable to the same area, whether the conflict be with respect to the height of structures or trees, the use of land, or any other matter, and whether such other regulations were adopted by the municipality which adopted the airport zoning regulations or by some other municipality, the more stringent limitation or requirement shall govern and prevail.

[1945 c. 303 s. 27]

**360.065 PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION.** Subdivision 1. **Notice and hearing.** No airport zoning regulations shall be adopted, amended, or changed under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, except by action of the governing body of the municipality or county in question, or the joint board provided for in section 360.063, subdivision 3, after a public hearing in relation thereto, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least 15 days' notice of the hearing shall be published in an official paper, or a paper of general circulation, in the county in which is located the airport hazard area to be zoned.

**Subd. 2. Regulations submitted to commissioner.** Prior to the initial zoning of any airport hazard area under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, the municipality, county, or joint airport zoning board which is to adopt the regulations shall submit its proposed regulations to the commissioner in order that he may determine whether it conforms to the minimum standards prescribed by him. He shall immediately examine such proposed regulations and report to the municipality, county, or joint airport zoning board his approval, or his objections, if any. If any objections are made by him on the ground that such regulations do not conform to the minimum standards prescribed by him for the class of airport involved, the municipality, county, or joint zoning board shall make such amendments as are necessary to meet such objections. The governing body of the municipality or county or the joint

airport zoning board shall not hold its public meeting or take other action until the proposed regulations are approved by the commissioner as conforming to such minimum standards.

[1945 c. 303 s. 28]

**360.066 ZONING REQUIREMENTS.** Subdivision 1. **Reasonableness.** All airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall be reasonable, and none shall impose any requirement or restriction which is not reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 303. In determining what regulations it may adopt, each municipality, or county, or joint airport zoning board, shall consider, among other things, the character of the flying operations expected to be conducted at the airport, the nature of the terrain within the airport hazard area, the character of the neighborhood, and the uses to which the property to be zoned is put and adaptable.

Subd. 2. **Non-conforming uses.** No airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall require the removal, lowering, or other change or alteration of any structure or tree not conforming to the regulations when adopted or amended, or otherwise interfere with the continuance of any non-conforming use, except as provided in section 360.067.

[1945 c. 303 s. 29]

**360.067 PERMITS AND VARIANCES.** Subdivision 1. **Permits** (1) Any airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, may require that a permit be obtained before any new structure or use may be constructed or established and before any existing use or structure may be substantially changed or substantially altered or repaired. In any event, all such regulations shall provide that before any nonconforming structure or tree may be replaced, substantially altered or repaired, rebuilt, allowed to grow higher, or replanted, a permit must be secured from the administrative agency authorized to administer and enforce the regulations, authorizing such replacement, change, or repair. No permit shall be granted that would allow the establishment or creation of an airport hazard, or permit a nonconforming structure or tree or nonconforming use to be made or become higher or become a greater hazard to air navigation than it was when the applicable regulation was adopted or than it is when the application for a permit is made.

(2) Whenever the administrative agency determines that a nonconforming use or nonconforming structure or tree has been abandoned or more than 80 per cent torn down, destroyed, deteriorated, or decayed: (a) no permit shall be granted that would allow said structure or tree to exceed the applicable height limit or otherwise deviate from the zoning regulations; and (b), whether application is made for a permit under this subdivision or not, the said agency may by appropriate action compel the owner of the nonconforming structure or tree, at his own expense, to lower, remove, reconstruct, or equip such object as may be necessary to conform to the regulations. If the owner of the nonconforming structure or tree shall neglect or refuse to comply with such order for ten days after notice thereof, the said agency may proceed to have the object so lowered, removed, reconstructed, or equipped and assess the cost and expense thereof upon the object of the land whereon it is or was located. Unless such an assessment is paid within 90 days from the service of notice thereof on the agent or owner of such object or land, the sum shall bear interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum until paid, and shall be collected in the same manner as are general taxes.

(3) Except as provided herein, all applications for permits shall be granted

Subd. 2. **Variances.** Any person desiring to erect any structure, or increase the height of any structure, or permit the growth of any tree, or otherwise use his property in violation of airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, may apply to the board of adjustment, hereinafter provided for, for a variance from the zoning regulations in question. Such variances shall be allowed where a literal application or enforcement of the regulations would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship and the relief granted would not be contrary to the public interest but do substantial justice and be in accordance with the spirit of the regulations and Laws 1945, Chapter 303; provided, any variance may be allowed subject to any reasonable conditions that the board of adjustment may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

Subd. 3. **Hazard marking and lighting.** In granting any permit or variance under this section, the administrative agency or board of adjustment may, if it deems such action advisable to effectuate the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and reasonable in the circumstances, so condition such permit or variance as to require the owner of the structure or tree in question to permit the municipality, at its own expense, to install, operate, and maintain thereon such markers and lights as may be necessary to indicate to flyers the presence of an airport hazard.

[1945 c. 303 s. 30]

**360.068 APPEALS.** Subdivision 1. **When granted.** Any person aggrieved, or taxpayer affected, by any decision of an administrative agency made in its administration of airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, or any governing body of a municipality or county, or any joint airport zoning board, which is of the opinion that a decision of such an administrative agency is an improper application of airport zoning regulations of concern to such governing body or board, may appeal to the board of adjustment authorized to hear and decide appeals from the decisions of such administrative agency.

Subd. 2. **Within reasonable time.** All appeals taken under this section must be taken within a reasonable time, as provided by the rules of the board, by filing with the agency from which the appeal is taken and with the board, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. The agency from which the appeal is taken shall forthwith transmit to the board all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

Subd. 3. **Stay.** An appeal shall stay all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the agency from which the appeal is taken certifies to the board, after the notice of appeal has been filed with it, that by reason of the facts stated in the certificate a stay would, in its opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property. In such cases proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by order of the board on notice to the agency from which the appeal is taken and on due cause shown.

Subd. 4. **Hearing; notice.** The board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of appeals, give public notice and due notice to the parties in interest, and decide the same within a reasonable time. Upon the hearing any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney.

Subd. 5. **Decision and order.** The board may, in conformity with the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, reverse or affirm wholly or partly, or modify, the order, requirement, decision, or determination appealed from and may make such order, requirement, decision, or determination as ought to be made, and to that end shall have all the powers of the administrative agency from which the appeal is taken.

[1945 c. 303 s. 31]

**360.069 ADMINISTRATION OF AIRPORT ZONING REGULATIONS.** All airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall provide for the administration and enforcement of such regulations by an administrative agency, which may be an agency created by such regulations or any official, board, or other existing agency of the municipality or county adopting the regulations, or of one of the municipalities or counties which participated in the creation of the joint airport zoning board adopting the regulations if satisfactory to the other municipality and county, or in case of a metropolitan airports commission the director and a committee of the commission with equal representation from each of the cities in and for which it is created; but in no case shall such administrative agency be or include any member of the board of adjustment. The duties of any administrative agency designated pursuant to Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall include that of hearing and deciding all permits under section 360.067, subdivision 1, but such agency shall not have or exercise any of the powers herein delegated to the board of adjustment.

[1945 c. 303 s. 32]

**360.071 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.** Subdivision 1. **Powers.** All airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, shall provide for a board of adjustment to have and exercise the following powers:

(1) To hear and decide appeals from any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the administrative agency in the enforcement of the airport zoning regulations, as provided in section 360.068.



(2) To hear and decide any special exceptions to the terms of the airport zoning regulations upon which such board may be required to pass under such regulations.

(3) To hear and decide specific variances under section 360.067, subdivision 2.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Where a zoning board of appeals or adjustment already exists, it may be appointed as the board of adjustment. Otherwise, the board of adjustment shall consist of five members, each to be appointed for a term of three years by the authority adopting the regulations and to be removable by the appointing authority for cause, upon written charges and after public hearing. In the case of a metropolitan airports commission, two members shall be chosen from each city in and for which the commission was created, any of whom may be members of the commission, and the fifth member shall be chosen by a majority of those four members.

**Subd. 3. Majority control.** The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the board of adjustment shall be sufficient to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the administrative agency, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under the airport zoning regulations, or to effect any variation in such regulations.

**Subd. 4. Rules and regulations.** The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance or resolution by which it was created. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the board may determine. The chairman, or in his absence the acting chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All hearings of the board shall be public. The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall immediately be filed in the office of the board and shall be a public record. Upon their appointment the members of any board of adjustment shall select a chairman to act at the pleasure of the board.

[1945 c. 303 s. 33]

**360.072 JUDICIAL REVIEW.** **Subdivision 1. Petition.** Any person aggrieved, or taxpayer affected, by any decision of a board of adjustment, or of any action of the commissioner taken under section 360.063, subdivision 6, or any governing body of a municipality or county, or any joint airport zoning board, which is of the opinion that a decision of a board of adjustment or action of the commissioner is illegal may present to the district court of the county in which the airport involved, or the major portion thereof, is located a verified petition setting forth that the decision or action is illegal, in whole or in part, and specifying the grounds of the illegality. Such petition shall be presented to the court within 30 days after the decision is filed in the office of the board, or the action taken by the commissioner.

**Subd. 2. Certiorari; stay.** Upon presentation of such petition the court may allow a writ of certiorari directed to the board of adjustment, or the commissioner, to review such decision of the board or the commissioner. The allowance of the writ shall not stay proceedings upon the decision appealed from, but the court may, on application, on notice to the board and on due cause shown, grant a restraining order.

**Subd. 3. Return.** The board of adjustment, or the commissioner, shall not be required to return the original papers acted upon by it, or him, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies thereof or of such portions thereof as may be called for by the writ. The return shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to show the grounds of the decision appealed from and shall be verified.

**Subd. 4. Court review.** Any person aggrieved by any airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, or by any decision of the administrative agency made in administering any such regulations must apply for a permit, exception, or variance, or appeal to the board of adjustment and exhaust the remedies provided for in sections 360.067 and 360.068 before availing himself of the right to petition a court as provided by this section.

**Subd. 5. Decision and order of court.** The court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, or set aside the decision brought up for review, in whole or in part, and, if need be, to order further proceedings by the board of adjustment or the commissioner. The findings of fact of the board, or of the commissioner, if

supported by substantial evidence, shall be accepted by the court as conclusive, and no objection to a decision of the board or of the commissioner shall be considered by the court unless such objection shall have been urged before the board or the commissioner, or, if it was not so urged, unless there were reasonable grounds for failure to do so.

Subd. 6. **Allowance of costs.** Costs shall not be allowed against the board of adjustment or the commissioner unless it appears to the court that it or he acted with gross negligence, in bad faith, or with malice, in making the decision appealed from.

Subd. 7. **Limitation as to extent of court order.** In any case in which airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, although generally reasonable, are held by a court to interfere with the use or enjoyment of a particular structure or parcel of land to such an extent, or to be so onerous in their application to such a structure or parcel of land, as to constitute a taking or deprivation of that property in violation of the constitution of this state or the constitution of the United States, such holding shall not affect the application of such regulations as to other structures and parcels of land.

[1945 c. 303 s. 34]

**360.073 VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Every person who shall construct, establish, substantially change, or substantially alter or repair any existing structure or use, or permit the growth of any tree, without having complied with the provisions of section 360.067 or who, having been granted a permit or variance under the provisions of section 360.067, shall construct, establish, substantially change, or substantially alter or repair any existing growth or structure, or permit the growth of any tree, except as permitted by such permit or variance, or who shall violate any of the ordinances, regulations, orders, or rulings promulgated or made pursuant to section 360.063 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment, and each day a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, the municipality, county, or commissioner adopting zoning regulations under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, may institute in any court of competent jurisdiction an action to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate any violation of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, or of airport zoning regulations adopted under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, or of any order or ruling made in connection with their administration or enforcement, and the court shall adjudge to the plaintiff such relief, by way of injunction (which may be mandatory) or otherwise, as may be proper under all the facts and circumstances of the case, in order fully to effectuate the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, and of the regulations adopted and orders and rulings made pursuant thereto.

[1945 c. 303 s. 35]

**360.074 ACQUISITION OF AIR RIGHTS.** In any case in which: (1) it is desired to remove, lower, or otherwise terminate a nonconforming structure or use; or (2) the approach protection necessary cannot, because of constitutional limitations, be provided by airport zoning regulations under Laws 1945, Chapter 303, or (3) it appears advisable that the necessary approach protection be provided by acquisition of property rights rather than by airport zoning regulations; the municipality within which the property or nonconforming use is located or the municipality owning the airport or served by it may proceed under section 360.032, subdivision 3, to acquire such easements through or other interest in air spaces over land or water, interests in airport hazards outside the boundaries of the airport, and such other airport protection privileges as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 303.

[1945 c. 303 s. 36]

**360.075 VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.** Subdivision 1. Every person who:

- (1) operates an aircraft either on or over land or water in this state without the consent of the owner of such aircraft; or
- (2) operates, or attempts to operate, any aircraft in this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or of any narcotic or other habit-forming drug; or
- (3) knowingly permits any individual who may be under the influence of intoxicating liquor or of any narcotic or other habit-forming drug to operate any aircraft owned by such person or in his custody or control; or

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(4) operates aircraft while in the possession of any federal license, certificate, or permit or any certificate of registration issued by the aeronautics department of this state, or displays, or causes or permits to be displayed, such federal license, certificate, or permit or such state certificate of registration, knowing either to have been cancelled, revoked, suspended, or altered; or

(5) lends to, or knowingly permits the use of by, one not entitled thereto of any federal airman's or aircraft license, certificate, or permit, or any state airman's or aircraft certificate of registration issued to him; or

(6) displays or represents as his own any federal airman's or aircraft license, certificate, or permit or any state airman's or aircraft certificate of registration not issued to him; or

(7) tampers with, climbs upon or into, makes use of, or navigates any aircraft without the knowledge or consent of the owner or person having control thereof, whether while the same is in motion or at rest, or hurls stones or any other missiles at aircraft, or the occupants thereof, or otherwise damages or interferes with the same, or places upon any portion of any airport any object, obstruction, or other device tending to injure aircraft or parts thereof; or

(8) uses a false or fictitious name, gives a false or fictitious address, knowingly makes any false statement or report, or knowingly conceals a material fact, or otherwise commits a fraud in any application or form required under the provisions of Laws 1945, Chapter 303, or by any rules, regulations, or orders of the commissioner; or

(9) operates any aircraft in such a manner as to indicate either a willful or a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property; or

(10) carries on or over land or water in this state in an aircraft other than a public aircraft any explosive substance except as permitted by the Federal Explosives Act, being the Act of October 6, 1917, as amended by P. L. 775, 77th Congress, approved November 24, 1942; or

(11) discharges a gun, pistol, or other weapon in or from any aircraft in this state except as the hunting of certain wild animals from aircraft may be permitted by other laws of this state, or unless he is the pilot or officer in command of the aircraft or a peace officer or a member of the military or naval forces of the United States, engaged in the performance of his duty; or

(12) carries in any aircraft, other than a public aircraft, any shotgun, rifle, pistol, or small arms ammunition except in the manner in which such articles may be lawfully carried in motor vehicles in this state, or unless he is a person excepted from the provisions of clause (11) of this subdivision; or

(13) engages in acrobatic or stunt flying without being equipped with a parachute and without providing any other occupants of the aircraft with parachutes and requiring that they be worn; or

(14) while in flying over a thickly inhabited area or over a public gathering in this state, engages in trick or acrobatic flying or in any acrobatic feat; or

(15) except while in landing or taking off, flies at such low level as to endanger persons on the surface beneath, or drops any object except loose water or loose sand ballast, or engages in advertising through the playing of music or transcribed or oral announcements, or makes any noise with any siren, horn, whistle, or other audible device which is not necessary for the normal operation of the aircraft; or

(16) while in flight in an aircraft, whether as a pilot, passenger, or otherwise, endangers, kills, or attempts to kill any birds or animals or uses any aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up migratory waterfowl, except as may be permitted by other laws of this state—shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. Every person who shall commit any of the acts specified in subdivision 1 for a second or other subsequent time shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. Any person who, by operating an aircraft in a reckless or grossly negligent manner, causes a human being to be killed, under circumstances not constituting murder in the first, second, or third degree, or manslaughter in the first or second degree, is guilty of criminal negligence in the operation of an aircraft, resulting in death.

Subd. 4. A person convicted of the crime defined in subdivision 3 of this section shall be punished by imprisonment in a state penal institution for a term not exceed-

ing five years or in the workhouse or county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by both a fine and imprisonment in a state penal institution or a fine and imprisonment in the workhouse or county jail.

[1945 c. 303 s. 37]

**360.076 HOW CITED.** Sections 360.011 to 360.076 may be cited as the "Aeronautics Code."

[1943 c. 653 s. 23]

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**360.101 DECLARATION OF PURPOSES.** It is the purpose of sections 360.101 to 360.123 to promote the public welfare and national security; serve public interest, convenience, and necessity; promote air navigation and transportation, international, national, and local, in and through this state; increase air commerce and promote the efficient, safe, and economical handling of such commerce; assure the inclusion of this state in national and international programs of air transportation; and to those ends to develop the full potentialities of the metropolitan areas in this state as aviation centers, and provide for the most economical and effective use of aeronautic facilities and services in those areas.

[1943 c. 500 s. 1]

**360.102 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. The following words, terms and phrases shall, for the purposes of sections 360.101 to 360.123 be given the meanings subjoined to them.

Subd. 2. "Commission" and "corporation," each means a corporation created under Laws 1943, Chapter 500, as a metropolitan airports commission.

Subd. 3. "City council" or "council" means the governing body of a city, however designated by law or charter.

Subd. 4. "Commissioner" means a person appointed or otherwise selected as, and, after his qualification, acting as, a member of a corporation created under Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

Subd. 5. "The commissioners" means a quorum of the members of a corporation created under Laws 1943, Chapter 500, acting as the governing body of such corporation.

Subd. 6. "Aeronautics" means the science and art of flight.

Subd. 7. "Person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic; and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar representative thereof.

Subd. 8. "Airport" means any locality, either of land or water, including intermediate landing fields, which is used or intended to be used for the landing and take-off of aircraft, whether or not facilities are provided for the shelter, servicing, or repair of aircraft, or for receiving or discharging passengers or cargo, and also includes any facility used in, available for use in, or designed for use in, aid of air navigation, including, but without limitation, landing areas, lights, any apparatus or equipment for disseminating weather information, for signaling, for radio-directional finding, or for radio or other electrical communication, and any other structure or mechanism having a similar purpose for guiding or controlling flight in the air or the landing and takeoff of aircraft, and also includes, but without limitation, access roads, parking areas, railroad siding facilities, such land contiguous or not as may be required for installations necessary for safe and efficient operation, buildings, structures, hangars, shops and any personal property usually used in connection with the operations of such airports, including specifically, but not exclusively, snow removal or impacting equipment, fire and ambulance equipment, motor vehicles and equipment for buildings, structures, hangars, and shops. It includes any area heretofore in the statutes of this state termed an "airport" or a "flying field."

Subd. 9. "City" or "each city" means one of the two contiguous cities of the first class in and for which a corporation shall be created under Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

[1943 c. 500 s. 2]

**360.103 METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes herein provided there shall be created a public corporation in and for any two contiguous cities of the first class in this state, to be known as the Metropolitan Airports Commission of those cities.

Subd. 2. Laws 1943, Chapter 500, is expressly declared to be applicable to all such cities whether or not they are now or hereafter existing under a charter framed and adopted under Section 36 of Article IV, of the state constitution.

[1943 c. 500 s. 3]

**360.104 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION; HOW GOVERNED.** Subdivision 1. The following persons and their respective successors, herein termed commissioners, shall constitute the members and governing body of the corporation, namely: The mayor of each of the respective cities, or a qualified voter appointed by him; a member of the council of each of the respective cities, appointed by such council; a member of the board of commissioners having jurisdiction at the time of the passage of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, of airports of each of the respective cities, appointed by such board or commission, or, in case the council of either of such cities has jurisdiction of airports in said city, then a second member of such council, appointed by it; one additional commissioner from each city, who is a freeholder, has resided in the city from which he is appointed at least ten years, and does not hold any office under the state or any of its political subdivisions except that of notary public, herein termed a "citizen commissioner", such member in a city having the commission form of government to be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the council, and in other cities by the council, with the approval of the mayor; one member appointed by the governor of the state, who shall be a qualified voter of a county not contiguous to either of the counties in which the respective cities are located, who shall be chairman of the corporation.

Subd. 2. Each mayor, or any voter appointed by him in his stead, shall serve as a commissioner for the term of office of such mayor, or for the consecutive terms thereof if he be re-elected. Of the first commissioners, one appointed by each city council from its members shall serve for a term of four years, and one for six years, or if one is appointed by a board or commission having jurisdiction of airports instead of by the council, he shall serve for six years. The commissioner appointed by the governor shall serve for four years, and each of the citizen commissioners for six years. Each of said terms shall date from the election or appointment and qualification of the commissioner. Thereafter the term of each commissioner, except that of a mayor, of an appointee of such mayor in his stead, and of one appointed to fill a vacancy, shall be for six years. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, the term of any commissioner who is a member of a city council or board or commission having jurisdiction of airports shall terminate when for any reason he ceases to hold the city office to which he was elected, and a successor shall be immediately appointed to fill his unexpired term. Except as provided in the last sentence, each commissioner shall serve until his successor is duly appointed and has qualified. Any vacancy in the office of a commissioner shall be filled for the unexpired term and in such case or when the term of a commissioner expires his successor shall be chosen in the same manner as was his predecessor, and his appointment shall be evidenced in the same manner.

Subd. 3. Within 30 days after the effective date of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, the commissioners shall be selected as provided in Subdivision 1 of this section. The clerk, secretary, or other appropriate official of each appointing public body shall immediately thereafter file with the secretary of state a certified copy or copies of the resolution or resolutions of such appointing body appointing commissioners from its own membership. At the same time the city clerk of each city shall file with the secretary of state a certificate stating the full name and address of the mayor of such city, and that such mayor has elected to act as a commissioner, or, in the event such mayor has appointed some other qualified voter in his place, shall file a certified copy of the order of the mayor appointing such commissioner. Such city clerk shall also file a certified copy of the record of appointment of the citizen commissioner. The governor shall file his appointment in the same office. Each person selected as a commissioner shall thereupon file in the same office the oath of office prescribed by Section 8 of Article V, of the state constitution, subscribed by him and certified by the officer administering the same.

Subd. 4. Should any of the said appointments not be made, or any certification of appointments or any certificate as to a mayor electing to act as a commissioner, or any oath of office, not be filed as required, all within the time limits specified herein, the governor shall thereupon select and appoint such commissioners as have not been so designated. Any commissioner so appointed by the governor shall be a legal voter of the city for which he was appointed. Upon his filing the oath of office required by Subdivision 3 of this section, he shall have all the rights, privileges, and powers of a commissioner duly elected or appointed as provided herein. If thereafter any vacancy in the office of a commissioner shall not be promptly filled, the governor may proceed as in this subdivision provided.

Subd. 5. Immediately after the filing of the certificates, appointments, and oaths of office required hereby, the commissioner appointed by the governor shall call a meeting of the commissioners, giving to each notice by mail at least five days before the meeting. At such meeting, and at all subsequent meetings of the corporation to be created, seven-ninths of all the commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and an affirmative vote of five-ninths of all the commissioners shall be required for the passage of any measure, except a measure involving the restriction of the use of the facilities of any of the airports taken over by the corporation under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500. For the passage of any such measure, the designation of the name of any airport or airports, or for the establishment of any new airport or airports, or for any measure involving the issuance of bonds, an affirmative vote of six-ninths of all the commissioners shall be required, at least two of which affirmative votes shall be those of representatives of each of the cities for which the corporation is formed. Immediately after the meeting is called to order the commissioners present shall adopt an official name for the corporation, which name shall contain the words "Metropolitan Airports Commission", together with the names of the cities in and for which said corporation is being created, or some well known designation for those cities.

Subd. 6. Thereupon the commissioners appointed, or otherwise selected, and qualified, as in this section provided, shall forthwith become and be such a public corporation as is provided for in section 360.103, subdivision 1, without further proceedings.

[1943 c. 500 s. 4]

**360.105 ORGANIZATION; CORPORATE SEAL; BY-LAWS.** Subdivision 1. The commissioners shall at the organization meeting of the corporation adopt a corporate seal and shall adopt by-laws for the regulation of the affairs of the corporation and rules of procedure governing their actions, not inconsistent with law. The by-laws shall provide for regular meetings of the corporation to be held at least once in each month, and for special meetings to be held as provided for in said by-laws.

Subd. 2. No commissioner shall receive any salary for his services, but each shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties, and those who are not salaried public officials may be paid, if so ordered by a majority of all the commissioners, the sum of \$10.00 per diem or part thereof spent in attending meetings of the commission, but no commissioner shall receive more than the sum of \$500 in any one year as per diem.

Subd. 3. No commissioner or any person holding appointment under the corporation shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract entered into under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500. No commissioner shall be subject to any personal liability on account of any liability of the corporation.

Subd. 4. The removal of residence of any commissioner from the city of which he was appointed or otherwise selected as a representative shall operate as a resignation of his office. Any commissioner may be removed from office by the body or person appointing him, or by the governor, for misfeasance, malfeasance, or non-feasance in office, upon written charges and after an opportunity to be heard in his defense.

[1943 c. 500 s. 5]

**360.106 OFFICERS.** Subdivision 1. The corporation shall at its organization meeting elect from its membership a vice-chairman to serve as such for a period of one year from the first meeting of the corporation, and shall also elect a secretary,

who may or may not be one of the commissioners. He shall hold office at the pleasure of the corporation, and shall, if not a commissioner, receive such compensation as may be fixed by the corporation. The state treasurer shall be the treasurer of the corporation, ex-officio.

Subd. 2. The chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be given or imposed upon them by Laws 1943, Chapter 500, or by the by-laws of the corporation.

Subd. 3. The treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all moneys of the corporation, from whatever source derived, and the same shall be considered public funds. He shall disburse the moneys of the corporation only on orders made by the executive and operating officer, herein provided for, countersigned by the chairman, vice-chairman, or other person authorized by the corporation, showing the name of the claimant and the nature of the claim. No disbursements shall be certified by such officers until the same have been approved by said commissioners at a meeting thereof. The treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received and disbursed by him, and at least once a year, at times to be designated by the corporation, file with the secretary a financial statement of the corporation, showing in appropriate and identifiable groupings the receipts and disbursements since the last approved statement, the moneys on hand and the purposes for which the same are appropriated.

Subd. 4. The corporation shall, as soon after the organization meeting as is practicable, appoint a metropolitan director of airways, who shall be the executive and operating officer of the corporation, shall serve at the pleasure of the corporation, and shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by it. He shall have had experience as a business executive, preferably in connection with aviation and in the promotion of business enterprises. Under supervision of the corporation, he shall be responsible for the operation, management, and promotion of all activities with which the corporation is charged, together with such other duties as may be prescribed by the corporation. He shall have such powers as are necessarily incident to the performance of his duties and such others as may be granted by the corporation, but without authority to incur liability or make expenditures on behalf of the corporation without general or specific directions by the corporation, as shown by the by-laws or minutes of meetings thereof.

Subd. 5. The corporation shall have the power to appoint engineers and other consultants, attorneys, and such other officers, agents, and employees as it may see fit, who shall perform such duties and receive such compensation as the corporation may determine, and be removable at the pleasure of the corporation. Whenever the corporation performs any work within the limits of a city of the first class, or establishes a minimum wage for skilled or unskilled labor in the specifications or any contract for work within one of the cities, the rate of pay to such skilled and unskilled labor shall be the prevailing rate of wage for such labor in that city.

[1943 c. 500 s. 6]

**360.107 POWERS OF CORPORATION.** Subdivision 1. The corporation, subject to the conditions and limitations herein prescribed, shall possess all the powers as a body corporate necessary and convenient to accomplish the objects and perform the duties prescribed by Laws 1943, Chapter 500, including those hereinafter specified, which, shall not be construed as a limitation upon the general or any other specific powers hereby conferred.

Subd. 2. It may acquire by lease, purchase, gift, devise, or condemnation proceedings all necessary right, title, and interest in and to lands and personal property required for airports and all other real or personal property required for the purposes contemplated by Laws 1943, Chapter 500, either within or without the limits of the cities in and for which it is created, pay therefor out of funds obtained as hereinafter provided, and hold and dispose of the same, subject to the limitations and conditions herein prescribed. Title to any such property acquired by condemnation or purchase shall be in fee simple, absolute, unqualified in any way, but any such real or personal property or interest therein otherwise acquired may be so acquired or accepted subject to any condition which may be imposed thereon by the grantor or donor and agreed to by the corporation, not inconsistent with the proper use of the property by the corporation for the purposes herein provided. Any properties, real or personal, acquired, owned, leased, controlled, used, or occupied by the corporation for any of the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, are declared to be

acquired, owned, leased, controlled, used, and occupied for public, governmental, and municipal purposes, and shall be exempt from taxation by the state or any of its political subdivisions:

Subd. 3. It may exercise the right of eminent domain in the manner provided by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Chapter 41, as amended, for the purpose of acquiring any property which it is herein authorized to acquire by condemnation. The fact that the property so needed has been acquired by the owner under power of eminent domain, or is already devoted to a public use, shall not prevent its acquisition by such corporation by the exercise of the right of eminent domain herein conferred. The corporation may take possession of any such property so to be acquired at any time after the filing of the petition describing the same in condemnation proceedings. It shall not be precluded from abandoning the condemnation of any such property in any case where possession thereof has not been taken. When the airports owned by the affected cities are taken over by the corporation under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, all persons who are employees of the public body having the management and control of such airport at the time of the taking of the same, shall preserve their status and be entitled to all the rights and privileges under the provisions of any civil service or pension act contained in any charter of any city under which they had been previously employed, or any applicable law of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. It may sue and be sued.

Subd. 5. It may contract and be contracted with in any matter connected with any purpose or activity within the powers of the corporation as specified in Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

Subd. 6. It may construct and equip new airports, with all powers of acquisition set out in Subdivision 2 of this section, pay therefor out of the funds obtained as hereinafter provided, and hold, maintain, operate, regulate, police, and dispose of them or any of them as hereinafter provided.

Subd. 7. In addition to the municipal airports taken over by the corporation under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, the corporation may acquire by lease, purchase, gift, devise, or condemnation proceedings any existing airports, equip the same and make additions thereto or improvements thereon, pay therefor out of the funds obtained as hereinafter provided, and hold, maintain, operate, regulate, police, and dispose of them or any of them as hereinafter provided; provided, that said corporation shall have no authority to dispose of nor lease municipally-owned airports taken over under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

Subd. 8. It may contract with the owners of existing privately owned airports for the use, equipment, improvement, maintenance, management, and operation by it of such airports, and thereafter use, equip, improve, maintain, manage, operate, regulate, and police them.

Subd. 9. It may acquire such air rights over private property as are necessary to insure safe approaches to the landing areas of all airports controlled by it, in the manner provided in Subdivision 2 of this section for the acquisition of airport property.

Subd. 10. It may acquire rights or easements for terms of years, or perpetually, to place, operate, and maintain suitable markings and lights for daytime or nighttime marking of buildings or other structures or obstructions, for the safe operation of aircraft utilizing airports to be acquired or maintained under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, in the manner provided in Subdivision 2 of this section for the acquisition of airport property.

Subd. 11. It may purchase all supplies and materials necessary in carrying out the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

Subd. 12. It may borrow money and issue bonds for the purposes of acquiring property, the acquisition of which is herein authorized, constructing and equipping new airports, acquiring existing airports, equipping them and making additions thereto or improvements thereon, and making capital improvements to any airport constructed or acquired by the corporation, or for the purpose of making payments on principal or interest of bonds heretofore issued by either of the cities or any board of park commissioners of either thereof to secure funds for the acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement or improvement of any airport taken over by the corporation pursuant to the provisions of section 360.109, subdivision 2, payment of which has been assumed by the corporation, in the manner and within



the limitations herein specified, and pledge any and all property and income of the corporation acquired or received as herein provided to secure the payment of such bonds, subject to the conditions and limitations herein prescribed, and redeem any such bonds if so provided therein or in the mortgage or deed of trust accompanying them, and may assume the payment of existing bonded indebtedness as specifically provided in Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

Subd. 13. It may use for the following purposes any available moneys received by it from any source as herein provided, in excess of those appropriated, donated, loaned, or otherwise paid over to the corporation for specific purposes, or received from the sale of bonds, and those required for the payment of any bonds issued by the corporation and interest thereon, according to the terms of such bonds or of any mortgage or trust deed accompanying the same: (a) to pay the necessary incidental expenses of carrying on the business and activities of the corporation as herein authorized; (b) to pay the cost of operating, maintaining, repairing, extending, and improving the properties under the control of the corporation; (c) to pay interest and principal of any bonds heretofore issued by either of the cities or any board of park commissioners of either thereof to secure funds for the acquisition, establishment, construction or enlargement of any airport referred to in section 360.109, subdivision 2, payment of which has been assumed by it, or by the state of Minnesota; (d) if any further such excess moneys remain, to purchase upon the open market at or above or below the face or par value thereof any bonds issued by the corporation as herein authorized; any bonds so purchased to thereupon be cancelled.

Subd. 14. It may accept from the United States or the state of Minnesota, or any of their agencies, moneys or other assistance, whether by gift, loan, or otherwise, for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, and developing airports and other aeronautic facilities, and may enter into such contracts with the United States or any of its agencies as it may deem proper and consistent with the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

Subd. 15. Without limitation upon any other powers in Laws 1943, Chapter 500, granted, whether general or special, it may contract with any person for the use by such person of any property and facilities under its control, for such purposes and to such an extent as will, in the opinion of the commissioners, further the interests of aeronautics in this state and particularly in and about the cities in and for which the corporation has been created, including, but without limitation, the right to lease any such property or facilities, or any part thereof, to any person, the national government, or any foreign government, or any department of either, or to the state or any municipality; provided, that said corporation shall not have the authority to lease any municipal airport taken over by it under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

Subd. 16. It may generally carry on the business of acquiring, establishing, developing, extending, maintaining, operating, and managing airports, with all powers incident thereto.

Subd. 17. It may from time to time make, adopt, and enforce such rules, regulations, and ordinances as it may find expedient or necessary for carrying into effect the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, and fix penalties for the violation thereof not exceeding for each offense 90 days' imprisonment in jail or workhouse, or a fine not exceeding \$100, with imprisonment not exceeding 90 days if the fine be not paid.

The prosecution may be in any municipal court sitting within either city. Every sheriff, constable, policeman, and other peace officer shall see that all rules, regulations, and ordinances are obeyed, and shall arrest and prosecute offenders. The fines collected shall be paid into the treasury of the corporation, and all persons committed shall be received into any penal institution in the county in which the offense was committed. All persons shall take notice of such rules, regulations, and ordinances without pleading or proof of the same.

[1943 c. 500 s. 7]

**360.108 SURVEY OF EXISTING AIRPORTS; REPORT TO GOVERNOR.** Subdivision 1. Immediately after the organization of the corporation, the commissioners shall make a study of existing airports in and about the cities in and for which the corporation is created and shall formulate plans for the betterment and enlargement of existing airports and the acquisition and construction of new airports, to-

gether with plans for the maintenance, operation, and use of airports which are to be controlled by the corporation.

Subd. 2. Not later than December 31st of the year in which the corporation is created the findings of the commissioners and the proposed plans of operation shall be submitted in writing to the governor, to the city councils of the cities involved, and to any board or commission having jurisdiction of airports in either city. If such findings and plans are not so submitted within the time limited hereby, the governor shall notify the mayors and the appointing bodies named in section 360.104, subdivision 1, that new commissioners shall be appointed. Thereupon it shall be the duty of each such mayor and appointing body to immediately appoint new commissioners to fill the remaining terms of the original commissioners appointed by them, and of the governor to appoint a new commissioner to fill the remaining term of the commissioner originally appointed by him; provided, that a mayor who is a commissioner may retain his membership in the corporation if he so elects. Certificates, appointments, and oaths of office shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state in the manner provided for in Section 360.104, subdivision 3. The provisions of Section 360.104, subdivision 4, shall apply to proceedings under this subdivision.

Subd. 3. Immediately upon the filing of the certificates, appointments, and oaths of office, provided for in Subdivision 2 of this section, the offices of the original commissioners shall automatically become vacant, in this order: First, those of the commissioners appointed by the councils, boards or commissions from their membership; then those of the commissioners appointed by mayors in their stead, if any; then those of the mayors not electing to retain membership in the corporation; then those of the citizen commissioners, and then that of the commissioner appointed by the governor. As the office of each commissioner becomes vacant, the commissioner selected in his place shall be and become a member and one of the governing body of the corporation for the unexpired term of the commissioner he succeeds; the corporate capacity of the commission continuing uninterrupted.

Subd. 4. The succeeding commissioners shall make the study, prepare the plans, and submit the findings and proposed plans required by Subdivision 2 of this section within 90 days from the date they become members of the corporation.

Subd. 5. Thirty days after the submission of the findings and proposed plans provided for in this section, public hearings, of which two weeks' published notice shall be given by the commissioners, shall be held in the cities involved, by the commissioners. After such hearings the commissioners shall adopt and file with the governor and the city councils and boards or commissions having jurisdiction of airports of the cities, a permanent plan of operation, which shall be subject to such additions, revisions, and modifications as may from time to time seem to the commissioners to be proper and best calculated to carry out the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

[1943 c. 500 s. 8]

**360.109 EXERCISE OF POWERS.** Subdivision 1. Immediately after the adoption and filing of its permanent plan of operation, the corporation shall proceed to exercise the powers herein granted. These powers may be exercised at any place within 25 miles of the city hall of either city.

Subd. 2. Immediately following the adoption and filing of its permanent plan of operation, the corporation shall and is hereby directed to take over the use, management, operation, regulation, policing, and control of any or all airports owned by either city, whether said airports are then under the management and control of, or title thereto is held in the name of, the city itself, the council, a board of park commissioners, or any other body; consent by each city, the council, the board of park commissioners, and any other agency, board, or department thereof, to such use, management, operation, regulation, policing, and control to be conclusively presumed to have been given by the appointment of commissioners pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500. Authority is hereby granted to the mayor and council of each city and any board or commission having jurisdiction of airports in either city to give such consent in that manner. Immediately upon taking over the use, management, operation, regulation, policing, and control of any such airport or airports the corporation may exercise all the powers herein granted to it with reference to any airport property, except the right of leasing or disposing of the fee title to the lands included therein, without the payment of any rental therefor, from the date of such taking over. The title to the fee of the land

included in each such airport shall remain in the city, or agency, board, or department of such city, then owning it. The action to be taken pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision of this section is declared to be necessary in order to provide an integrated airports system and enable the corporation to carry out the public and governmental purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500. The corporation shall not close any existing airport in either city to air freight commerce consigned to or originating in such city unless and until it provides for such city, freight airport facilities which, in the judgment of the corporation, are as substantially equal in convenience and safety to the businesses and industries of that city as are the existing freight airport facilities now available (except as the same may be restricted by governmental use) to its businesses and industries. For the purpose of this subdivision only, the word "airport" shall include only the lands, buildings, and equipment acquired for use primarily for any such airport so taken over as in this subdivision provided.

Subd. 3. The authority in Subdivision 2 of this section granted to the corporation is not conditioned upon the receipt of any appropriation provided for in Laws 1943, Chapter 500. Each city involved, or any board or commission of such city, shall pay the balance due on its bonds which have prior to the enactment of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, been issued pursuant to law or charter to secure funds for the acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement or improvement of the airports to be taken over as provided in Subdivision 2, according to the terms of such bonds. The corporation created by Laws 1943, Chapter 500, may, if it shall so determine, assume the payment of part or all of the balance due on such bonds at the time of its taking over the use, management, operation, regulation, policing and control of such airports.

Subd. 4. The corporation shall further proceed, as soon as it is deemed advisable by the commissioners, and funds are available, to otherwise carry out the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500. It may provide, in addition to airports existing at the time of the passage of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, at least one major or primary metropolitan airport which shall be as nearly equidistant from the city halls of both cities as possible. All other new airports to be constructed shall be so located that the airport system of the corporation as a whole shall be of substantially equal convenience to both cities. It shall put all airports and other facilities to their maximum use for passenger, mail, express, freight, and other air transportation operations as the needs therefor develop, and shall encourage the establishment of related aircraft industries.

[1943 c. 500 s. 9]

**360.111 CORPORATION TO EXERCISE CONTROL AND JURISDICTION OVER EXISTING AIRPORTS.** After taking over operation and maintenance of the municipally-owned airports, in accordance with the provisions of Section 360.109, subdivision 2, the corporation, if it so determines, shall exercise control and jurisdiction over any other airport within 25 miles of the city hall of either city, and no airport shall be acquired or operated within that distance of the center of either city without the approval of the corporation.

[1943 c. 500 s. 10]

**360.112 RENTALS FIXED.** The corporation shall have the authority to determine the charges or rental for the use of any of the property under its management and control, and the terms and conditions under which such property may be used. Charges shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of service, and established with due regard to the value of the property and improvements used and the expense of operation to the corporation. The corporation shall have and may enforce liens as provided for in sections 514.18 to 514.22, both inclusive, to enforce the payment of any such charges.

[1943 c. 500 s. 11]

**360.113 PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES.** Subdivision 1. It is hereby determined and declared that the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, are public and governmental, and that the establishment of airport systems, in the state of Minnesota, including the airport system to be established by the corporation created by Laws 1943, Chapter 500, will promote the public safety and welfare of the state; that the acquisition, construction, development, extension, maintenance, and operation of such airport systems are essential to the development of air navigation

and transportation in and through this state, and are necessary in order to assure the inclusion of this state in national and international systems of air transportation now being planned; that the airport systems to be developed under Laws 1943, Chapter 500, will benefit the people of the state as a whole, and will render a general public service; that the establishment of such airport systems as soon as practicable is essential in order to make adequate provision for state and national defense during the present war, and for the rendering of aid by the state in the prosecution of the war; that the development of such airport systems will provide employment and will reduce unemployment after the war, and will thereby aid in other ways and be of great public economic benefit in postwar readjustment; and that an emergency exists requiring immediate action for the establishment of airport systems by the means and in the manner herein provided.

Subd. 2. In order that the survey, studies and plans of operation provided for in section 360.108 may be commenced, continued, and completed without delay, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to each Metropolitan Airports Commission created under Laws 1943, Chapter 500, the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 360.108.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or prevent the said cities from contributing money or the services of their personnel to the work of the corporation from any source available to them under the law, but any moneys so contributed shall be deposited with the state treasurer for the benefit of the work of the corporation. The corporation is also empowered to accept donations, gifts, or services to be used in its work.

Subd. 3. If further funds than such as are paid from the state treasury under the provisions of Subdivision 2 of this section are required for such surveys, studies, and plans, the commissioners shall prepare a detailed budget of the additional sums so required, and certify the same to the councils of the respective cities, which shall review the budget. The commissioners, upon notice from any such city, shall hear objections to the budget, and may after such hearing modify or amend it. They shall then give due notice to the city councils of such modifications and amendments, and each city shall thereupon, through its proper officers, pay its proportionate share to the treasurer of the corporation. The amount to be paid shall be apportioned to the cities in the same proportion as the last assessed valuation of the real and personal property in each city, excluding moneys and credits, bears to the total assessed valuation in both cities. In the event any such city has not on hand funds available to meet its proportionate share, it is hereby authorized to borrow the same, and to pledge the credit of such city to the repayment of the indebtedness so created. Any obligation so incurred shall be authorized by vote of the council, and any such obligation shall be signed by the mayor and city clerk under the city corporate seal, shall bear interest at not to exceed five per cent per annum, and shall be payable not more than one year from its date. Such obligations shall be sold in the manner provided by section 475.15.

Subd. 4. (1) There is hereby created a special fund to be known as the Minnesota Metropolitan Airports Fund, to be used for the purposes hereinafter specified. To provide moneys for the fund the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property in the state, in the manner in which other state taxes are levied, for the taxable years of 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, and 1953, taxes sufficient to produce the sum of \$100,000 for each of said taxable years, together with such additional sums as may be necessary to pay the interest upon the certificates of indebtedness hereinafter authorized. In case of a deficiency in the proceeds of such tax levy for any year, the auditor shall levy sufficient additional amounts in succeeding years to compensate therefor until the full amount herein authorized has been raised. The proceeds of such taxes shall be credited to the Minnesota Metropolitan Airports Fund.

(2) Pending the levy and collection of such taxes, upon request of the governor, the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sell certificates of indebtedness of the state as funds are needed for the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, not exceeding the amount required from time to time to meet the appropriations hereinafter made and not exceeding \$1,000,000 in the aggregate. Such certificates shall be known as Minnesota Metropolitan Airports Certificates of Indebtedness, shall be numbered consecutively, and shall be issued and sold at not less than par upon sealed bids after two weeks' published notice, unless sold to the

state board of investment as hereinafter provided. Such certificates shall be in such form and of such denominations and shall mature at such times as the auditor may determine, not exceeding the time when funds shall be available for the payment thereof from the tax levies authorized by paragraph (1) of this subdivision. Such certificates shall bear such rate of interest, payable semiannually, and shall contain such other terms and provisions, not inconsistent herewith, as the auditor may determine. Such certificates shall be signed by the state treasurer and attested by the state auditor under their official seals, and the auditor and treasurer shall keep records thereof. Such certificates shall be a charge upon and a lien against the taxes authorized by paragraph (1) of this subdivision. The principal and interest of such certificates shall be payable only from the proceeds of such taxes, and so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for such payments; provided, that such interest as may become due at any time when there is not on hand a sufficient amount from the proceeds of such taxes to pay the same shall be paid out of the general revenue fund, and the amount necessary therefor is hereby appropriated, to be reimbursed from the proceeds of such taxes when received. All moneys received from the sale of such certificates shall be credited to the Minnesota Metropolitan Airports Fund.

(3) The State Board of Investment is hereby authorized to invest any funds under its control or direction in any certificates of indebtedness issued hereunder and to purchase such certificates at a rate of interest not exceeding three per cent per annum, and such certificates may be issued and sold to the board without advertising for bids.

(4) There is hereby appropriated to the governor out of the Minnesota Metropolitan Airports Fund, for the purposes hereinafter specified, the sum of \$1,000,000, for the biennium period ending June 30, 1945, of which \$500,000 shall be available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and \$500,000 available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945. Any balance remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried over and shall be available for the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, until July 1, 1945, and thereafter until all obligations theretofore incurred hereunder have been paid.

(5) The moneys hereby appropriated to the governor shall, from time to time, upon its authorization, be paid to the treasurer of any corporation created under Laws 1943, Chapter 500, and to the treasurers of municipalities in the state of Minnesota which operate and maintain airports, which the governor shall determine are necessary to carry out the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, as determined and declared in Subdivision 1 of this section, in such amounts as he shall determine. In making his determination as to the municipalities to which such moneys shall be paid and as to the amounts which shall be paid them, the governor shall take into consideration the locations of the airports owned by such municipalities and their usefulness as a part of a state, national or international system of air transportation; the benefit of such airports to the people of the state as a whole as distinguished from purely local benefits; the possibilities of their use in providing for state and national defense; the use being made of them by the government of the United States during the present war, and the probability of future use in connection with the war.

(6) The moneys hereby appropriated shall be used for acquiring sites for, constructing, and equipping new airports, acquiring and equipping existing airports, making additions or improvements to any airport constructed or acquired by the corporation and other municipally-owned airports in the state of Minnesota, paying the necessary incidental expenses of carrying on the business and activities of the corporation as authorized in Laws 1943, Chapter 500, and paying the cost of equipping, extending, improving, repairing, maintaining, and operating all properties under the control of the corporation, whether owned by it or not, and properties owned by other municipalities in the state of Minnesota, the operations of which are determined by the executive council essential in order to carry out the purposes of Subdivision 1 of this section.

(7) The governor shall not authorize the expenditure of any of the moneys hereby appropriated until he has consulted the legislative advisory committee created by Laws 1941, Chapter 497, and such committee has made its recommendation upon the matter. Such recommendation shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the committee to make a recommendation promptly shall be deemed a negative recommendation. The provisions of this paragraph shall extend to any

other agency to which the present authority of legislative advisory committee may be transferred, but shall be deemed to be repealed in case such authority shall be abolished.

Subd. 5. When the commissioners have adopted and filed the permanent plan of operation of the corporation in order to provide funds over and above any moneys received pursuant to the provisions of Subdivision 4 of this section to carry out the purposes of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, and for the expenses and disbursements of the corporation for the period before any tax moneys become available, they shall prepare a detailed budget of the needs of the corporation, giving credit thereon for the funds, if any, received on the original budget and unexpended, and certify the same to the councils of the respective cities, which shall review the budget. The commissioners, upon notice from any such city, shall hear objections to the budget, and may after such hearing modify or amend it. They shall then give due notice to the city councils of such modifications and amendments, and each city shall thereupon, through its proper officers, pay its proportionate share to the treasurer of the corporation. The amount to be paid shall be apportioned to the cities in the same proportion as the last assessed valuation of the real and personal property in each city, excluding moneys and credits, bears to the total assessed valuation in both cities. In the event any such city has not on hand funds available to meet its proportionate share, it is hereby authorized to borrow the same by issuing and selling bonds, which, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary included within the charter of such city or any general law of the state of Minnesota, may be issued and sold without a vote upon said question by the electors of the city. All bonds issued under the provisions of this subdivision shall be payable serially in annual installments as determined by the city council, the first thereof to become due and payable in not more than three years from the date of such obligations and the last installment thereof to become due and payable not more than 30 years from their date. No annual maturing installment of principal of any issue of such obligations shall be more than two and one-half times the amount of the smallest installment thereof maturing in any one year.

[1943 c. 500 s. 12]

**360.114 BUDGET.** Subdivision 1. Thereafter, the commissioner shall, on or before the first day of July of each year, prepare a detailed budget of the needs of the corporation for the next fiscal year, specifying separately in said budget the amounts to be expended for acquisition of property, construction, payments on bonded indebtedness, if any, operation, and maintenance, respectively, and shall certify the same on said date to the council of each city, together with a statement of the proportion of the budget to be provided by each city, determined as provided in section 360.113, subdivision 5. The council of each such city shall review the budget, and the commissioners, upon notice from any such city, shall hear objections to the budget and may, after hearing, modify or amend it, and shall give due notice to the cities of such modification or amendment. It shall be the duty of the council of each city in and for which the corporation is created to provide the funds necessary to meet its proportion of the total cost for acquisition of property, payment on bonded indebtedness, if any, construction, operation, and maintenance as finally certified by the commissioners, such funds to be raised by the tax levies, bond sales, or by other means within the authority of said cities, and to pay the same over to the treasurer of the corporation in such amounts and at such times as he may require. Each city is authorized to issue and sell such bonds as may be necessary to meet its obligations under this section irrespective of any limitation in any home rule charter or special or general law, without a vote upon said question by the electors of said city, and bonds so determined to be issued and sold shall be issued and sold in the manner provided by section 360.113 and section 360.121.

Subd. 2. If any such city shall fail to take the necessary action to provide the funds required by the corporation as in section 360.113 and this section provided, the commissioners shall on or before October 10th of each calendar year, certify to the county auditor of the county in which the city so failing to comply shall be located, the amount determined by the commissioners to be raised by that city, and the county auditor shall extend, spread, and include the same with and as a part of the general taxes for state, county, and municipal purposes, to be collected and enforced therewith, together with penalties and interest and costs, and the county treasurer, upon collection of the same, shall transfer the same to the treasurer of the corporation.

Subd. 3. In any budget certified by the commissioners, pursuant to any of the provisions of this section or of section 360.113, the amount included for operation and maintenance shall not exceed an amount which, when apportioned to the cities affected, will require the payment by either city for those items of an amount greater than would be produced by a levy of one mill upon the assessed valuation of such city.

[1943 c. 500 s. 13]

**360.115 EARNINGS, HOW APPLIED.** The earnings of the corporation shall be applied as follows: (a) to the payment of interest on its bonds and of any principal of such bonds which is due and payable; (b) to the establishment of a sufficient fund to pay interest and principal on its bonds which will be payable in the following fiscal year; and (c) to the other purposes set out in section 360.107, subdivision 13. If the amount included in the budget for any year, including the sum necessary to make payment of interest on and principal of bonds in the ensuing fiscal year is not sufficient to meet the needs of the corporation for that year, any deficit shall be included in the budget of the corporation for the following year.

[1943 c. 500 s. 14]

**360.116 LIMIT OF TAX LEVY.** The taxes levied against the property of each city in any one year shall not exceed one mill upon the assessed valuation thereof, exclusive of the taxes it may be necessary to levy to pay the principal or interest on any bonds or indebtedness of said city issued by it under the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, and exclusive of any amounts required to pay the share of such city for payments on bonded indebtedness of the corporation provided for in Laws 1943, Chapter 500. The levy of taxes authorized in Laws 1943, Chapter 500, shall be in addition to the maximum rate allowed to be levied to defray the cost of government under the provisions of the charter of any city affected by Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

[1943 c. 500 s. 15]

**360.117 MAY ISSUE BONDS.** Subdivision 1. In anticipation of the receipt by the corporation of payments by cities herein provided for, appropriations, rents, and profits, and of income from any other source, and for the purpose of securing funds as needed for the payment of the cost of property acquired, airports constructed and purchased, and other purposes herein authorized, the corporation is hereby authorized to issue its bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$15,000,000, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semiannually. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary included within the charter of either city or any general or special law of the state of Minnesota they may be issued and sold without a vote upon said question by the electors of either city.

Subd. 2. Such bonds shall be of such date, denominations, place of payment, form, and details as may be determined by such corporation, not inconsistent with the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500. They shall mature serially, the first instalment to fall due in not more than three years and the last in not more than 30 years from their date, and no annual maturing instalment shall exceed by two and one-half times the amount of the smallest annual maturing instalment; provided, that the amount of such instalments of principal may be such that the increase thereof from year to year shall approximately equal the decrease from year to year in the interest of the bonds remaining unpaid.

Subd. 3. The bonds shall be signed by the chairman, attested by the secretary, and countersigned by the treasurer, of the corporation, and the interest coupons to be thereto attached shall be executed and authenticated by the printed, engraved or lithographed facsimile signature of the chairman and secretary. They shall be sold by the corporation upon such notice and upon such terms and at such times as the corporation shall deem best. They shall not impose any personal liability upon any member of the corporation.

Subd. 4. The bonds shall be secured by pledge of the full faith, credit, and resources of the cities in and for which the corporation has been created. The corporation is hereby authorized to pledge such full faith, credit, and resources, and specific consent thereto by each city shall be conclusively presumed from the appointment of commissioners by the council thereof. They shall be paid from tax

levies as hereinafter provided, and from earnings of the corporation, or may be secured by mortgage, or deed of trust on any of the property owned by the corporation.

Subd. 5. The corporation, upon issuing any bonds under the provisions of this section, shall, before the issuance thereof, levy for each year, until the principal and interest are paid in full, a direct annual tax on all the taxable property of the cities in and for which the corporation has been created in an amount not less than five per cent in excess of the sum required to pay the principal and interest thereof, when and as such principal and interest matures. After any of such bonds have been delivered to purchasers, such tax shall be irrevocable until all such indebtedness is paid, and after the issuance of such bonds no further action of the corporation shall be necessary to authorize the extensions, assessments, and collection of such tax. The secretary of the corporation shall forthwith furnish a certified copy of such levy to the county auditor or county auditors of the county or counties in which the cities in and for which the corporation has been created are located, together with full information regarding the bonds for which the tax is levied, and such county auditor or such county auditors, as the case may be, shall enter the same in the register provided for in section 475.27, or a similar register, and shall extend and assess the tax so levied. If both cities are located wholly within one county, the county auditor thereof shall annually extend and assess the amount of the tax so levied. If the cities are located in different counties, the county auditor of each such county shall annually extend and assess such portion of the tax levied as the assessed value of the taxable property, not including moneys and credits, located wholly within the city in such county bears to the total assessed value of the taxable property, not including moneys and credits, within both cities. Any surplus resulting from the excess levy herein provided for shall be transferred to a sinking fund after the principal and interest for which the tax was levied and collected has been paid; provided, that the corporation may, on or before October 15th in any year, by appropriate action, cause its secretary to certify to the county auditor, or auditors, the amount on hand and available in its treasury from earnings, or otherwise, including the amount in the sinking fund, which it will use to pay principal or interest or both on each specified issue of its bonds, and the county auditor or auditors shall reduce the levy for that year, herein provided for by that amount. The amount of funds so certified shall be set aside by the corporation, and be used for no other purpose than for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds. All taxes hereunder shall be collected and remitted to the corporation by the county treasurer or county treasurers, in accordance with the provisions of law governing the collection of other taxes, and shall be used solely for the payment of the bonds where due.

Subd. 6. This section shall not be construed as limiting the power of the corporation to levy taxes to pay its bonds issued hereunder but such corporation shall have the authority and it shall be its duty to levy any taxes necessary to provide revenue to pay such bonds.

[1943 c. 500 s. 16]

**360.118 BONDS ARE LEGAL INVESTMENTS FOR PUBLIC FUNDS.** Bonds legally issued pursuant to Laws 1943, Chapter 500, may be purchased by the state board of investment for the permanent school fund, permanent university fund, swamp land fund, internal improvement land fund, or any other trust fund of the state of Minnesota, or for any other fund administered by such board, and shall be deemed authorized securities within the provisions of section 50.14, and shall be proper for the investment of capital, surplus, or deposits of any savings bank or trust company, and for the investment of funds of any insurance company, and for the investment of any sinking funds held by any public or municipal corporation, and may be pledged by any bank or trust company as security for the deposit of public moneys therein in lieu of surety bonds. Such bonds shall be deemed and treated as instrumentalities of a public government agency, and as such shall be exempt from taxation.

[1943 c. 500 s. 17]

**360.119 LIMIT OF INDEBTEDNESS.** The corporation shall never be subject to an indebtedness in excess of \$15,000,000, nor shall it incur any indebtedness except as authorized herein.

[1943 c. 500 s. 18]



**360.121 MUNICIPALITIES TO GUARANTEE BONDS OF COMMISSION.** Bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500, by either city shall be secured by the full faith, credit, and resources of the city issuing them, shall be paid from tax levies made in conformity with sections 475.26 and 475.29, and shall be sold in the manner prescribed by section 475.15. No provision of any existing law or special or home rule charter under which either city may be acting shall be deemed or construed to impair, curtail, or limit in amount, form, or manner the power to issue any bonds pursuant to Laws 1943, Chapter 500, and the bonds issued by either city or by the corporation pursuant to Laws 1943, Chapter 500, shall not be included in computing the net indebtedness of such municipality under any applicable law or charter.

[1943 c. 500 s. 19]

**360.122 CONSTRUCTION WORK.** The provisions of Laws 1933, Chapter 341, Section 15, shall apply to all construction work and every purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials necessary in carrying out the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500. The powers there granted to and the duties imposed upon the board of trustees of the corporation there referred to are hereby respectively granted to and imposed upon the commissioners.

[1943 c. 500 s. 20]

**360.123 CONSTRUCTION OF LAWS 1943, CHAPTER 500.** Laws 1943, Chapter 500, shall not be construed so as to abridge any of the powers granted by law to the Minnesota Aeronautics Commission.

[1943 c. 500 s. 23]

#### RECIPROCITY ACT

**360.201 MUNICIPALITIES IN ADJOINING STATES MAY ACQUIRE AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES IN STATE.** The governing body of any county, city, village, town, or other municipality or political subdivision of an adjoining state, whose laws permit, is hereby authorized to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and operate airports, or restricted landing areas, or other air navigation facilities in this state, subject to all laws, rules, and regulations of this state applicable to its municipalities and other political subdivisions in such aeronautical projects, but subject to the laws of its own state in all matters relating to financing such projects.

[1945 c. 175 s. 1 sbd. 1]

**360.202 TO HAVE SAME RIGHTS AS LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES.** Such municipality or other political subdivision of an adjoining state shall have all the rights, privileges, and duties of like municipalities and political subdivisions of this state, including the right to exercise the right of eminent domain.

[1945 c. 175 s. 1 sbd. 2]

**360.203 RECIPROCAL PROVISIONS.** Sections 360.201 to 360.203 shall not apply unless the laws of such adjoining state shall permit municipalities and other political subdivisions of this state to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, operate, and otherwise control such airports, restricted landing areas, or other air navigation facilities therein, with all privileges, rights, and duties applicable to the municipalities and other political subdivisions of such adjoining state in such aeronautical projects.

[1945 c. 175 s. 1 sbd. 3]

#### MINNESOTA AERONAUTICS FUND AND APPROPRIATION ACT

**360.301 MINNESOTA AERONAUTICS FUND CREATED; TAX LEVIES.** There is hereby created a special fund to be known as the "Minnesota Aeronautics Fund," to be used for the purposes hereinafter specified. To provide moneys for the fund the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property in this state, in the manner in which other state taxes are levied, for the taxable years of 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956, taxes sufficient to produce the sum of \$200,000 for each of said taxable years, together with such additional sums as may be necessary to pay the interest upon the certificates of indebtedness hereinafter authorized. In case of a deficiency in the proceeds of such tax levy for any year, the auditor shall levy additional amounts in succeeding years to compensate therefor until the full amount herein authorized has been raised. The proceeds of such taxes shall be credited to the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund.

[1945 c. 469 s. 1]

**360.302 CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.** Pending the levy and collection of such taxes, upon request of the governor, the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sell certificates of indebtedness of this state, as funds are needed for the purposes of this act, not exceeding the amount required from time to time to meet the appropriations hereinafter made and not exceeding \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Such certificates shall be known as "Minnesota Aeronautics Certificates of Indebtedness," shall be numbered consecutively, and shall be issued and sold at not less than par upon sealed bids after two weeks' published notice, unless sold to the State Board of Investment as hereinafter provided. Such certificates shall be in such form and of such denominations and shall mature at such times as the state auditor may determine, not exceeding the time when funds shall be available for the payment thereof from the tax levies authorized by section 360.301. All certificates maturing more than three years after their date must be made redeemable at par at the expiration of such three years and on each interest payment date thereafter upon such notice as the state auditor shall determine prior to their issuance. Any certificates may similarly be made redeemable on any interest payment date prior to the expiration of such three years. Such certificates shall bear such rate of interest, payable semiannually, and shall contain such other terms and provisions not inconsistent herewith, as the state auditor may determine. The certificates shall be signed by the state treasurer and attested by the state auditor under their official seals, and the auditor and treasurer shall keep records thereof. The certificates shall be a charge upon and a lien against the taxes authorized by section 360.301. The principal and interest of the certificates, except as provided in section 360.306, shall be payable only from the proceeds of such taxes, and so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for such payments; provided, that such interest as may become due at any time when there is not on hand a sufficient amount from the proceeds of such taxes to pay the same shall be paid out of the general revenue fund, and the amount necessary therefor is hereby appropriated, to be reimbursed from the proceeds of such taxes when received. All moneys received from the sale of the certificates shall be credited to the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund.

[1945 c. 469 s. 2]

**360.303 AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT.** The state board of investment is hereby authorized to invest any funds under its control or direction in any certificates of indebtedness issued hereunder and to purchase such certificates at a rate of interest not exceeding three per cent per annum, and such certificates may be issued and sold to the board without advertising for bids.

[1945 c. 469 s. 3]

**360.304 APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated to the governor out of the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund, for the purposes hereinafter specified, the sum of \$2,000,000 for the biennium period ending June 30, 1947, which appropriation is hereby made available in such amounts and at such times as may be deemed necessary by the governor to carry out the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 469. Any balance remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried over and shall be available for the purposes of Laws 1945, Chapter 469, until July 1, 1947, and thereafter until all obligations theretofore incurred hereunder have been paid.

[1945 c. 469 s. 4]

**360.305 EXPENDITURE.** Subdivision 1. **Purposes.** The moneys hereby appropriated to the governor shall, from time to time, upon his authorization, be used for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating state airports and other air navigation facilities, to assist counties, cities, towns, villages, boroughs, and public corporations in constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating airports and other air navigation facilities, and for the purpose of assisting this state and counties, cities, towns, villages, boroughs, and public corporations thereof in matching federal funds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of such airports and other air navigation facilities, whether such work is to be done by the state or by such municipalities, or jointly, aided by grants of aid from the United States.

Subd. 2. **Legislative advisory committee to advise.** The governor shall not authorize the expenditure of any of the moneys hereby appropriated until he has consulted the legislative advisory committee created by Laws 1941, Chapter 497,

and such committee has made its recommendation upon the matter. Such recommendation shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the committee to make a recommendation promptly shall be deemed a negative recommendation. The provisions of this subdivision shall extend to any other agency to which the present authority of the legislative advisory committee may be transferred, but shall be deemed to be repealed in case such authority shall be abolished.

**Subd. 3. Investigation; conditions.** Before authorizing any expenditure of any of the moneys hereby appropriated to assist political subdivisions, municipalities, and public corporations in constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating airports and other air navigation facilities, the governor shall cause an investigation and report to be made by the commissioner of aeronautics as to the amount which has been invested by the political subdivision, municipality, or public corporation in its airport property, if any, the amount of funds available for expenditure by the political subdivision, municipality, or public corporation for the purposes specified in section 360.305, subdivision 1, its general financial situation, and the necessity of assistance by the state. He shall require as a condition of such assistance by the state that the political subdivision, municipality, or public corporation itself make a substantial contribution to the cost of the construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation in connection with which the assistance by the state is sought, taking into consideration in fixing the amount of such contribution the matters shown by the investigation and report of the commissioner of aeronautics, it being the intention of the legislature that the moneys hereby appropriated shall be expended in such a manner as will result in the conservative development of a complete airports system for the state and that such moneys shall be fairly and equitably distributed.

[1945 c. 469 s. 5]

**360.306 TRANSFERS FROM STATE AIRPORTS FUND.** Subdivision 1. **Annual transfers; reduction of tax levies.** On November 1, 1947, and on the first day of November in each year thereafter up to and including November 1, 1956, there shall be transferred from the State Airports Fund, otherwise created by law, to the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund the sum of \$200,000 and such additional sums as may be necessary to pay interest on any certificates of indebtedness issued and sold pursuant to section 360.302 and to compensate for any deficiencies in the proceeds of tax levies authorized by section 360.301 for any prior year, or so much of the total of said sums as may be available in the State Airports Fund for transfer, after any reimbursement of the general revenue fund therefrom otherwise provided for by law. If sufficient funds are made available by the transfer, the tax levy for that taxable year provided for by section 360.301 shall be canceled and shall not be made; otherwise the amount to be raised by the tax levy for that taxable year shall be reduced by the amount transferred. The state auditor and the state treasurer are authorized and directed to make the appropriate entries in the accounts of the respective funds.

**Subd. 2. Payments of certificates.** All moneys transferred from the State Airports Fund to the Minnesota Aeronautics Fund shall be available for the payment of outstanding certificates of indebtedness and interest thereon and deficiencies in the proceeds of prior tax levies, if any, in the same manner as the proceeds of taxes provided for in section 360.301, and so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for such payments.

**Subd. 3. State airports fund available for tax reduction only.** Notwithstanding any provision of any other statute enacted by the legislature at the 1945 session appropriating moneys in the state airports fund, all those moneys over and above the amounts required to reimburse the general revenue fund as otherwise provided by law, shall be used only for the purpose of making the transfers provided for by section 360.306, subdivision 1, and thus reducing the amounts to be raised by the tax levies provided for by section 360.301, until after the date prescribed for the making of the last of those levies, or until they are otherwise canceled by law.

[1945 c. 469 s. 6]

#### AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION AND TAXATION ACT

**360.51 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 360.51 to 360.67 the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meanings herein given, unless otherwise specifically defined, or unless another intention clearly appears or the context otherwise requires:

Subd. 2. "Person" means any individual, corporation, firm, copartnership, company, or association, and includes any guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, conservator, or any person acting in any fiduciary capacity therefor.

Subd. 3. "Aircraft" means any contrivance, now known or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air.

Subd. 4. "Air commerce" means the transportation by aircraft of persons or property for hire in interstate, intrastate, or international transportation on regularly scheduled flights.

Subd. 5. "Airline company" means any person who undertakes directly or indirectly to engage in the business of air commerce.

Subd. 6. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of aeronautics of this state.

Subd. 7. "Owner" means any person owning or renting an aircraft, or having the exclusive use thereof, under a lease or otherwise, for a period greater than 30 days.

Subd. 8. "Dealer" means any person regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing or selling, purchasing, and generally dealing in new and unused aircraft, having an established place of business for the trade, sale, and display thereof and having in its, his, or their possession new and unused aircraft for the purpose of sale or trade.

Subd. 9. "Airports thereof" (referring to airports of the state of Minnesota) includes all airports located in this state owned by the state, by any political subdivision or municipality thereof, or by any person.

Subd. 10. "Municipality" means a city, a county, a town, a village or a borough, in this state and includes metropolitan airports commissions organized pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 500.

[1945 c. 411 s. 1]

**360.52 LIMITATION.** None of the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67 apply to aircraft or airline companies used in air commerce.

[1945 c. 411 s. 2]

**360.53 TAXATION.** Subdivision 1. **A lien tax.** All aircraft using the air space overlying the state of Minnesota and the airports thereof, except as set forth in section 360.55, shall be taxed in lieu of all other taxes thereon, on the basis and at the rate for each calendar year as follows.

Subd. 2. **Rate.** The tax shall be at the rate of one per cent of value; provided that the minimum tax on all aircraft subject to the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67 shall be \$10.00.

Subd. 3. **Base price.** Value until the end of the first calendar year of aircraft life, construing the year of manufacture as the first year of such life, shall be construed to mean the "base price for taxation" as hereinafter defined.

Subd. 4. **Base price for taxation.** For the purpose of fixing a base price for taxation from which depreciation in value at a fixed per cent per annum can be counted, such price is defined as follows:

(1) The base price for taxation of an aircraft of which a similar or corresponding model was being manufactured on August 1 preceding the year for which the tax is levied shall be the manufacturers' list price of such similar or corresponding model in effect on such August 1.

(2) The base price for taxation of an aircraft of which no similar or corresponding model was manufactured until after such August 1 shall be the manufacturers' list price at the factory when the aircraft taxed was first manufactured.

(3) The commissioner shall have authority to fix the base value for taxation purposes of any aircraft of which no such similar or corresponding model has been manufactured since a time prior to such August 1, and of any rebuilt or foreign aircraft, any aircraft on which a record of the list price is not available in his office, or any military aircraft converted for civilian use, using as a basis for such valuation the list price on such August 1 of aircraft with comparable performance characteristics, and taking into consideration the age and condition of the aircraft.

Subd. 5. **Similarity of corresponding models.** Models shall be deemed similar if substantially alike and of the same make. Models shall be deemed to be corresponding models for the purpose of taxation under section 360.51 to 360.67 if of the same make and having approximately the same weight and type of frame and the same style and size of motor.

Subd. 6. **Depreciation.** After the first year of aircraft life the base value for taxation purposes shall be reduced as follows: ten per cent the second year, and 15 per cent the third and each succeeding year thereafter, but in no event shall such tax be reduced below the minimum.

Subd. 7. **Prorating of tax.** Except for the year 1945, when an aircraft first becomes subject to taxation during the calendar year for which the tax is paid, the tax on it shall be for the remainder of that year prorated on a monthly basis of one-twelfth of the annual tax for each calendar month, counting the month during which it becomes subject to the tax as the first month of such remainder.

Subd. 8. **1945 only.** All aircraft subject to the provisions of this section on the effective date of Laws 1945, Chapter 411, shall be subject to the entire annual tax for the year 1945. Aircraft becoming subject to taxation in that year after such effective date shall be subject to taxation according to the provisions of subdivision 7 of this section.

Subd. 9. **Not assessed as personal property.** Aircraft subject to taxation under the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67 shall not be assessed as personal property in the year 1945 or any subsequent year and shall be subject to no tax for any year subsequent to 1944, except as provided for by sections 360.51 to 360.67.

[1945 c. 411 s. 3]

**360.54 SUBJECT TO TAX; EXCEPTION.** Every aircraft shall be deemed to be one using the air space overlying the state of Minnesota and the airports thereof, and hence subject to taxation under sections 360.51 to 360.67, if such aircraft has prior to the effective date of Laws 1945, Chapter 411, used such air space and airports, or shall actually use them or if it shall come into the possession of an owner in this state, other than as a manufacturer, dealer, warehouseman, mortgagee, or pledgee. New and unused aircraft in the possession of a dealer solely for the purpose of sale, and used or second-hand aircraft which have not theretofore used the air space and airports aforesaid, which are in the possession of a dealer solely for the purpose of sale and which are duly listed as provided in sections 360.51 to 360.67, shall not be deemed to be aircraft using said air space and airports. The operation of an aircraft through the air space over the state of Minnesota or on any airport thereof by a dealer or any of his employees for demonstration purposes or for any purpose incident to the usual conduct and operation of his business in which he has been licensed pursuant to the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67 to engage, or solely for the purpose of moving it from points outside or within this state to the place of business or storage of a licensed dealer within the state, or solely for the purpose of moving it from the place of business of a manufacturer or licensed dealer within the state to the place of business or residence of a purchaser outside the state, shall not be deemed to be using the air space over the state of Minnesota and the airports thereof within the meaning of sections 360.51 to 360.67 or article 19 of the constitution and shall not be held to make the aircraft subject to taxation under sections 360.51 to 360.67 if during such operation or moving the dealers' plates, labels, or stamps herein provided for shall be duly displayed upon such aircraft.

[1945 c. 411 s. 4]

**360.55 EXEMPTIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Non-residents.** Any aircraft owned by a non-resident of this state and transiently or temporarily using the air space overlying this state and the airports thereof shall be exempt from taxation under the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67 unless it uses the air spaces overlying this state and the airports thereof for more than 90 days continuously in any calendar year.

Subd. 2. **Other exemptions.** Aircraft owned and used solely in the transaction of official business by representatives of foreign powers, by the federal government, or by the state or any municipality thereof shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67 requiring the payment of a tax, but all such aircraft, except those owned by representatives of foreign powers or by the federal government, shall be registered as required by sections 360.51 to 360.67 and shall display tax exempt number plates, labels, or stamps furnished by the commissioner at cost. The exemption herein provided shall not apply to any aircraft except those owned by representatives of foreign powers or by the federal government and except such aircraft as may be used in general police work, unless the name of the state depart-

ment or the municipality owning such aircraft shall be plainly printed on both sides thereof in letters of a size and character to be prescribed by the commissioner.

[1945 c. 411 s. 5]

**360.56 EQUIPMENT; ACCESSORIES.** In all instances in which there have been added to a complete aircraft additional parts, equipment, or accessories not included in the factory list price upon which the tax is computed in accordance with the requirements of section 360.53, the reasonable cost thereof, if amounting in the aggregate to more than \$100, shall be added to the list price upon which the tax is computed. Such added parts, equipment, or accessories to the extent of \$100 shall be exempt from taxation.

[1945 c. 411 s. 6]

**360.57 SWORN STATEMENT BY MANUFACTURER.** Every manufacturer of an aircraft sold or offered for sale within this state, either by the manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or any other person, shall, on or before the first day in August of each year, file in the office of the commissioner a sworn statement showing the various models manufactured by him and the retail list price of each model being manufactured August 1 of that year, and shall also file with the commissioner, in such form as manufacturers usually use for advertising, complete specifications of the construction of each model that has been manufactured by him. Upon each change in such price and upon the manufacture of each new model thereafter such manufacturer shall in like manner file a new statement setting forth such change.

[1945 c. 411 s. 7]

**360.58 OPERATION WITHOUT REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF TAX.** No aircraft except as exempted by sections 360.54 and 360.55 shall use or be operated in the air space over this state or upon any of the airports thereof in any calendar year until it shall have been registered as required in sections 360.51 to 360.67 and the aircraft tax and fees herein provided shall have been paid and the number plates, labels, or stamps issued therefor shall be duly displayed on such aircraft. A purchaser of a new aircraft may operate his aircraft without such plates, labels, or stamps provided that he shall secure from the commissioner, or any person designated by the commissioner for that purpose, a permit to operate such aircraft pending the issuance of plates, which permit shall be valid for not to exceed 15 days.

[1945 c. 411 s. 8]

**360.59 REGISTRATION AND LISTING.** Subdivision 1. **Date of listing and application; form.** Every owner of any aircraft in this state, except as exempted by sections 360.54 and 360.55, shall, before July 1, 1945, and before February 15 in each calendar year thereafter, or as soon after such dates as he shall become the owner thereof, file with the commissioner, on a blank provided by him, a listing for taxation and application for the registration of such aircraft, in such form and stating such information as the commissioner may require. The said owner shall make an oath or affirmation before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations that the statements made are correct and true, and any false statement wilfully and knowingly made in regard thereto shall be deemed a perjury and punished accordingly. Such listing for taxation and application for registration need not be sworn to when the applicant is listing the same aircraft for taxation and registration for the second and any succeeding time. The listing and application for registration by dealers or manufacturers' agents within the state of aircraft received for sale or use within the state shall be accepted as compliance with the requirements of sections 360.51 to 360.67 imposed upon the manufacturer.

Subd. 2. **Agent or lienor may list.** Any act required herein of an owner may be performed in his behalf by a duly authorized agent. Any person having a lien upon, or claim to, any aircraft may pay any tax due thereon to prevent the penalty for delayed registration from accruing, but the registration certificate and number plates shall not be issued until legal ownership is definitely determined.

Subd. 3. **Issuance of certificate.** The commissioner shall file such application and upon approval thereof and upon payment of the aircraft tax as provided in sections 360.51 to 360.67, together with all arrears and penalties, if any, and upon the delivery to him of the duly endorsed registration certificate of the former owner, if any, or proof of loss provided in lieu thereof, shall assign to it a distinctive number and issue to the owner a registration certificate which shall be similar in form to registration certificates issued on payment of motor vehicle taxes as provided for by Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 168.11.

Subd. 4. **Number plates.** The commissioner, upon such approval and payment, shall also issue to the applicant number plates, decalcomania labels, or stamps bearing an abbreviation of the state name and the number assigned to the aircraft. After being issued for use upon an aircraft no number plate, label, or stamp or number shall be transferred to another aircraft during the same calendar year unless the aircraft for which the same was theretofore issued shall have been permanently lost, destroyed, or removed from the state.

[1945 c. 411 s. 9]

**360.60 CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION LAWS APPLICABLE.** Subdivision 1. Wherever in sections 360.51 to 360.67 any statute relating to the registration and taxation of motor vehicles is made applicable to the registration and taxation of aircraft, and made a part thereof by reference, the duties and powers of the registrar thereunder are conferred upon the commissioner; the provisions therein as to motor vehicles shall apply to aircraft; references to public highways therein are to be deemed references to the air space overlying the state of Minnesota and the airports thereof; and provisions as to number plates therein shall apply to number plates, labels, and stamps issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67.

Subd. 2. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 168.11, with reference to registration certificates, 168.13 with reference to proof of ownership required for motor vehicles previously registered in another state, 168.14 with reference to expiration of registration, 168.15 with reference to transfers of ownership, destruction, theft, dismantling, or permanent removal of motor vehicles and the parts thereof, 168.17 with reference to revocation of registrations, and of 168.29 with reference to duplicate plates and certificates are hereby made applicable to the registration and taxation of aircraft and, as modified in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 1 of this section, are made by reference a part of sections 360.51 to 360.67 as fully as though therein set forth. During the year 1945, in lieu of the surrender of the registration certificates required by section 168.13, the initial registration of any aircraft may be made upon production for examination to the commissioner of the applicant's aircraft registration certificate issued by the United States Department of Commerce or by the filing of a certified copy of such certificate.

[1945 c. 411 s. 10]

**360.61 DUE DATE OF TAX; PENALTY.** Subdivision 1. The tax required under sections 360.51 to 360.67 to be paid upon an aircraft for the year 1945 shall become due on July 15, 1945, or as soon after such date as such aircraft shall first use the air space overlying the state of Minnesota and the airports thereof, and upon February 15 in each year thereafter, and shall become delinquent upon the expiration of two days thereafter, unless paid. The tax for any calendar year subsequent to 1945 may be paid at any time between January 1 and February 15.

Subd. 2. Every owner or person charged with the duty to register an aircraft or pay any tax payable under the provisions of this act who fails or delays to register such aircraft and pay such tax as required by the provisions of this act shall pay to the commissioner as an added fee for failure or delay in registering and paying the tax 25 cents per day, but in no event more than a total of \$2.50. When the last day for payment without penalty of any taxes shall fall upon Sunday or any legal holiday, such taxes may be paid without such penalty on the next succeeding business day.

[1945 c. 411 s. 11]

**360.62 CERTAIN SECTIONS MADE APPLICABLE.** The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 168.16, and Section 168.31, Subdivisions 3 and 4, are hereby made applicable to taxes on aircraft and, as modified in accordance with the provisions of section 360.60, subdivision 1, are made by reference a part of sections 360.51 to 360.67 as fully as though therein set forth.

[1945 c. 411 s. 12]

**360.63 DEALERS LICENSE.** Except as they may be clearly inapplicable to aircraft, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 168.271, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 265, relating to dealers' licenses, are hereby made applicable to dealers in aircraft and, as modified in accordance with the provisions of section 360.60, subdivision 1, are made by reference a part of sections 360.51 to 360.67 as fully as though herein set forth.

[1945 c. 411 s. 13]

**360.64 TAXATION; IN HANDS OF DEALERS.** The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 168.06, Subdivision 7, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 103, and Subdivision 8, relating to taxation of motor vehicles in the hands of dealers, are hereby made applicable to aircraft in the hands of dealers and as modified in accordance with the provisions of section 360.60, subdivision 1, are made by reference a part of sections 360.51 to 360.67 as fully as though herein set forth; it being understood that the exemptions referred to in said subdivision 8 are for the purposes of sections 360.51 to 360.67 the exemptions provided for by sections 360.54, 360.55, and 360.65.

[1945 c. 411 s. 14]

**360.65 MANUFACTURERS; EXEMPTIONS.** Manufacturers within this state of aircraft which shall not use the air space overlying the state of Minnesota and the airports thereof and manufacturers or dealers distributing aircraft which shall not have used such air space and airports and are not for sale in this state from points in this state to other states shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67 requiring the listing and registration thereof.

[1945 c. 411 s. 15]

**360.66 STATE AIRPORTS FUND.** Subdivision 1. **Tax credited to fund.** The proceeds of the tax imposed on aircraft under sections 360.51 to 360.67 and all fees and penalties provided for therein shall be collected by the commissioner and paid into the state treasury and credited to the State Airports Fund created by other statutes of this state.

Subd. 2. **Reimbursements for expenses.** There shall be transferred by the state auditor each year from the State Airports Fund to the general revenue fund in the state treasury the amount expended from the latter fund for expenses of administering the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67.

[1945 c. 411 s. 16]

**360.67 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.** Subdivision 1. Any person who, with intent to escape payment of any tax on an aircraft as provided in sections 360.51 to 360.67, delays or neglects to properly list and apply to register the same, or, with intent to prevent the payment or collection of the proper tax, fee, or lien thereon, violates or neglects to comply with any of the provisions thereof shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. Any person who uses, or causes to be used or operated, any aircraft in violation of the provisions of sections 360.51 to 360.67, or while a certificate of registration of an aircraft issued to him is suspended or revoked, or knowingly delivers an aircraft to another to be used or operated in violation of sections 360.51 to 360.67, or violates any of the provisions thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. The possession of an aircraft the original motor number of which has been destroyed, removed, altered, or defaced shall be prima facie evidence that the same is stolen property. Registration shall be refused such aircraft; provided, that within 60 days after Laws 1945, Chapter 411, takes effect any person possessing such an aircraft may apply for a special engine number. If the commissioner is satisfied on the sworn statements of the applicant that the applicant is the legal owner, a special motor number, preceded by the letters "MINN.," shall be assigned such aircraft. Upon certificate by a peace officer that the said number has been properly stamped on such motor, the aircraft may thereafter be registered as are other aircraft.

Subd. 4. Any person who:

(1) Uses any number plates, label, or stamp or registration certificate upon or in connection with any aircraft except the one for which the same were duly issued, or upon any such aircraft after the certificate, plates, label, or stamp or the right to use the same have expired, or retains in his possession or fails to surrender as provided in this act any such number plates, label, stamp, or registration certificate; or

(2) Displays, or causes to be displayed, or has in his possession any cancelled, revoked, suspended, or fraudulently obtained or stolen registration plates, label, or stamp; or



(3) Lends his registration plates, label, or stamp to any person or knowingly permits the use thereof by another; or

(4) Displays or represents as his own any registration plates, label, or stamp not issued to him, provided, this shall not apply to any legal change of ownership of the aircraft to which the plates, label, or stamp are attached; or

(5) Uses a false or fictitious name or address or description of the aircraft, engine number, or frame number in any application for registration of an aircraft or knowingly makes a false statement or knowingly conceals a material fact or otherwise commits a fraud in any such application; or

(6) Defaces or alters any registration certificate or number plates or retains the same in his possession after the same have been defaced or altered; shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

[1945 c. 411 s. 17]