

**270.071 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The following words and phrases, when used in sections 270.071 to 270.079, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section.

Subd. 2. **Air commerce.** (a) "Air commerce" means the transportation by aircraft of persons or property for hire in interstate, intrastate, or international transportation on regularly scheduled flights or on intermittent or irregularly timed flights by airline companies.

(b) "Air commerce" includes but is not limited to an intermittent or irregularly timed flight, a flight arranged at the convenience of an airline and the person contracting for the transportation, or a charter flight. It includes any airline company making three or more flights in or out of Minnesota during a calendar year.

(c) "Air commerce" does not include casual transportation for hire by aircraft commonly owned and used for private airflight purposes if the person furnishing the transportation does not hold out to be engaged regularly in transportation for hire.

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

Subd. 4. **Airline company.** "Airline company" means any person who undertakes, directly or indirectly, to engage in the business of air commerce.

Subd. 5. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means state commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 6. **Equated plane hours.** "Equated plane hours" means hours spent by aircraft in flight weighted according to the cargo capacity of each aircraft.

Subd. 7. **Flight property.** "Flight property" means all aircraft and flight equipment used in connection therewith, including spare flight equipment. Flight property also includes computers and computer software used in operating, controlling, or regulating aircraft and flight equipment.

Subd. 8. **Person.** "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. 9. **Small or medium sized community.** "Small or medium sized community" means a home rule charter or statutory city or town in Minnesota with a population of 100,000 or fewer that is not located in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington Counties.

**History:** 1945 c 418 s 1; 1953 c 672 s 1; 1973 c 582 s 3; 1976 c 334 s 2; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 268 art 14 s 8; 1989 c 277 art 2 s 8; 1993 c 375 art 3 s 2; 2008 c 154 art 13 s 1