

HOUSE BILL No. 5889

May 27, 1998, Introduced by Reps. Raczkowski and Gubow and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled "Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan," by amending sections 86a and 89 (MCL 259.86a and 259.89), section 86a as added and section 89 as amended by 1996 PA 370.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 86a. (1) Licensed aeronautical facilities shall be
2 licensed under 1 of the following categories:
3 (a) Basic utility airport. A basic utility airport license
4 shall be granted if the following minimum requirements are met:
5 (i) The airport has an airport manager licensed by the
6 commission.
7 (ii) The airport contains a runway with a 1,200-foot landing
8 length in each direction from a clear approach slope of 20 to 1.
9 Unpaved runways ~~shall~~ have a minimum width of 50 feet with an
10 additional 25 feet minimum width on each side clear of

1 obstructions. Paved runways ~~shall~~ have a minimum width of 25
2 feet with an additional 38 feet minimum width on each side clear
3 of obstructions.

4 (iii) The airport maintains a state primary surface for each
5 runway clear of all obstructions. The state primary surface
6 ~~shall be~~ IS at least 100 feet wide, ~~but no~~ AND NOT less than
7 the width of the runway.

8 (iv) The airport maintains a state approach surface that
9 extends outward and upward from the end of the state primary sur-
10 face for a distance of 5,000 feet. The shape of the state
11 approach surface is rectangular with a minimum width of 100 feet
12 and a length of 5,000 feet. The width of the state approach sur-
13 face ~~shall be~~ IS at least as wide as the width of the runway.
14 The state approach surface extends for a horizontal distance of
15 5,000 feet at a slope of 20 to 1 including 15 feet clearance over
16 roads, 17 feet clearance over interstate highways, 23 feet clear-
17 ance over railroads, and 25 feet clearance over property lines.
18 The state approach surface begins at the runway end for unpaved
19 runways.

20 (v) The airport establishes a permanent monument located on
21 the centerline at or beyond each end of the runway.

22 (vi) The airport maintains the following pilot aids:

23 (A) Runway surface markings ~~shall~~ THAT conform to federal
24 aviation administration published standards.

25 (B) A windcone.

1 (C) Airports with right traffic patterns ~~shall~~ have a
2 segmented circle conforming to federal aviation administration
3 published standards.

4 (D) Runway lighting, if available for public use, ~~shall~~
5 ~~conform~~ CONFORMS to federal aviation administration standard
6 color and layout.

7 (b) General utility airport. A general utility airport
8 license shall be granted if the following minimum requirements
9 are met:

10 (i) the airport has an airport manager licensed by the
11 commission.

12 (ii) The airport contains a runway with a 1,800-foot landing
13 length in each direction from a clear approach slope of 20 to 1.
14 Unpaved runways ~~shall~~ have a minimum width of 100 feet. Paved
15 runways ~~shall~~ have a minimum width of 35 feet.

16 (iii) The airport maintains a state primary surface for each
17 runway clear of all obstructions. The state primary surface
18 ~~shall be~~ IS at least 250 feet wide.

19 (iv) The airport maintains a state approach surface for each
20 runway end that extends outward and upward from the end of the
21 state primary surface for a distance of 5,000 feet. The shape of
22 this approach surface is a trapezoid with a width of 250 feet at
23 the runway end and expands uniformly to a width of 1,200 feet.
24 The state approach surface extends for a horizontal distance of
25 5,000 feet at a slope of 20 to 1, including 15 feet clearance
26 over roads, 17 feet clearance over interstate highways, 23 feet
27 clearance over railroads, and 25 feet clearance over property

1 lines. The state approach surface begins at the runway end for
2 unpaved runways.

3 (v) The airport contains a permanent monument located on the
4 centerline at or beyond each end of the runway.

5 (vi) The airport maintains the following pilot aids:

6 (A) Paved runways ~~shall~~ have centerline marking and runway
7 numbering ~~conforming~~ THAT CONFORM to the published standards of
8 the federal aviation administration.

9 (B) Unpaved runways marked in accordance with commission
10 standards.

11 (C) ~~Any crosswind~~ CROSSWIND runways ~~must~~ meet minimum
12 requirements set for a basic utility airport.

13 (D) A lighted windcone.

14 (E) Runway lighting ~~shall be~~ IS available from sunset to
15 sunrise daily. Lighting configuration ~~shall~~ conform to the
16 requirements of the federal aviation administration regarding
17 standard color and layout.

18 (F) Airports with right traffic patterns ~~shall~~ have a seg-
19 mented circle with traffic pattern indicators conforming to the
20 published standards of the federal aviation administration.

21 (vii) The airport provides the following services:

22 (A) An administration building or terminal building with
23 sanitary facilities available to the public.

24 (B) Adequate means to deter the unauthorized or inadvertent
25 access to the aircraft operations area.

1 (C) A telephone AT A CLEARLY INDICATED LOCATION ON THE
2 AIRPORT GROUNDS that is available to the public 24 hours daily.
3 ~~on the airport and its location shall be clearly indicated.~~

4 (D) A formally adopted emergency service plan prepared by
5 the airport owner.

6 (E) Airport rules and regulations that are adopted by the
7 airport owner and available to the public.

8 (F) Itinerant aircraft parking and tie-downs, including ade-
9 quate ropes, chains, or THE equivalent OF ROPES AND CHAINS.

10 (c) Air carrier airport. An air carrier airport license
11 shall be granted if the following minimum requirements are met:

12 (i) The airport has an airport manager licensed by the
13 commission.

14 (ii) The airport has a valid airport operating certificate,
15 or a limited airport operating certificate, issued by the federal
16 aviation administration regulations.

17 (d) Seaplane base. A seaplane base license shall be granted
18 if the following minimum requirements are met:

19 (i) The airport has an airport manager licensed by the
20 commission.

21 (ii) The airport contains at least 1 unobstructed straight
22 line channel of at least 5,000 feet in length, and 200 feet in
23 width.

24 (iii) The airport has a suitable float, mooring facility, or
25 ramp at some point on the shore adjoining the landing area.

26 (iv) The airport provides and maintains a fire
27 extinguisher.

1 (e) Heliport. A heliport license shall be granted if the
2 following minimum requirements are met:

3 (i) The heliport has an airport manager licensed by the
4 commission.

5 (ii) The heliport contains a length and width of the landing
6 area of at least 1 1/2 times the length of the helicopter using
7 the facility.

8 (iii) The heliport contains at least 2 heliport approach
9 surfaces free of obstructions. The heliport approach surface
10 begins at the end of the heliport landing area with the same
11 width as the landing area, and extending outward and upward for a
12 horizontal distance of 4,000 feet where its width is 500 feet.
13 The slope of the approach surface is 8 to 1. Two of the heliport
14 approach surfaces provided ~~shall be~~ ARE located ~~to provide~~ SO
15 that their centerline ~~shall form~~ FORMS an arc of not less than
16 90 degrees at their intersection. Each heliport approach surface
17 ~~shall provide~~ PROVIDES an area suitable for an emergency land-
18 ing during takeoff, climb-out and landing.

19 (iv) If a heliport is located on an elevated structure or
20 roof, local building and fire codes ~~shall be~~ ARE complied
21 with. The landing area ~~should be~~ IS designed to support 1.5
22 times the maximum gross weight of the largest helicopter autho-
23 rized to use the heliport. When applying for a license, the
24 applicant ~~shall file~~ FILES a certificate signed by a profes-
25 sional engineer registered in this state, certifying structural
26 compliance of the heliport.

1 (v) The heliport contains a windcone or means of identifying
2 wind direction.

3 (vi) Ground level heliports have operational areas fenced or
4 marked with caution signs to prevent the inadvertent or unautho-
5 rized entry of persons or vehicles.

6 (vii) Signs indicating a heliport ~~,~~ ARE located on ~~its~~
7 THE HELIPORT'S perimeter.

8 (f) Hospital heliport. A hospital heliport license shall be
9 granted if ALL OF the following minimum requirements are met:

10 (i) The hospital heliport ~~complies with all provisions of~~
11 ~~subdivision (e)~~ IS RESERVED SOLELY FOR AIR AMBULANCE USE OR
12 OTHER HOSPITAL-RELATED FUNCTIONS.

13 ~~(ii) The hospital heliport contains markings in conformance~~
14 ~~with federal aviation administration published standards for hos-~~
15 ~~pital heliports.~~

16 (ii) ~~(iii) Hospital heliports are reserved for aeromedical~~
17 ~~or official hospital business flights only.~~ THE HOSPITAL HELI-
18 PORT HAS AN AIRPORT MANAGER, APPOINTED BY THE HOSPITAL HELIPORT
19 OWNER OR OPERATOR, WHO IS LICENSED BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN 90
20 DAYS AFTER HIS OR HER APPOINTMENT.

21 (iii) THE HOSPITAL HELIPORT HAS A FINAL APPROACH AND TAKEOFF
22 AREA, THE MINIMUM DIMENSIONS OF WHICH ARE AT LEAST 1-1/2 TIMES
23 THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE LARGEST HELICOPTER AUTHORIZED TO USE
24 THE HOSPITAL HELIPORT.

25 (iv) THE FINAL APPROACH AND TAKEOFF AREA IS POSITIONED TO
26 PROVIDE A MINIMUM SAFETY REGION OF AT LEAST 10 FEET OR 1/3 OF THE
27 ROTOR LENGTH OF THE LARGEST HELICOPTER THAT WILL LAND AT THE

1 SITE, MEASURED FROM THE EDGE OF THE FINAL APPROACH AND TAKEOFF
2 AREA TO THE OBSTACLE NEAREST THAT AREA.

3 (v) THE HOSPITAL HELIPORT HAS AT LEAST 1 APPROACH OR TAKEOFF
4 PATH THAT IS ALIGNED AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE DOMINANT
5 WINDS, BUT THAT MAY DEVIATE FROM THAT ALIGNMENT TO AVOID OBJECTS
6 OR NOISE-SENSITIVE AREAS OR USE AIRSPACE ABOVE PUBLIC LANDS.

7 (vi) THE HOSPITAL HELIPORT IS CAPABLE OF BEING SECURED TO
8 PROHIBIT THE INADVERTENT OR UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OF PERSONS OR
9 VEHICLES.

10 (vii) IF THE HELIPORT IS AT GROUND LEVEL, THE OPERATIONAL
11 HELIPORT AREAS ARE FENCED OR MARKED WITH CAUTION SIGNS TO PRO-
12 HIBIT THE INADVERTENT OR UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OF PERSONS OR
13 VEHICLES.

14 (viii) SIGNS INDICATING A HELIPORT ARE LOCATED ON THE
15 HELIPORT'S PERIMETER.

16 (ix) THE TOUCHDOWN AND LIFTOFF AREA IS A PAVED HARD
17 SURFACE.

18 (x) THE HOSPITAL HELIPORT HAS A LIGHTED WIND DIRECTION
19 INDICATOR.

20 (xi) SUITABLE LIGHTING IS PROVIDED AT THE HOSPITAL
21 HELIPORT'S PERIMETER FOR NIGHT OPERATIONS, AND THAT LIGHTING AT A
22 MINIMUM INCLUDES LIGHTS AT EACH CORNER OF THE FINAL APPROACH AND
23 TAKEOFF AREA.

24 (xii) IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS ARE PRESENT AT THE HOSPITAL
25 HELIPORT SITE THAT CONFORM TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
26 STANDARDS FOR HOSPITAL HELIPORTS.

1 (G) HOSPITAL HELISTOP. A HOSPITAL HELISTOP LICENSE SHALL BE
2 GRANTED IF THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

3 (i) THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP HAS A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
4 DAILY OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP, APPOINTED BY THE OWNER
5 OR OPERATOR OF THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP, WHO, AS DETERMINED BY THAT
6 OWNER OR OPERATOR, MEETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE
7 COMMISSION.

8 (ii) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER APPOINTING A RESPONSIBLE PERSON
9 WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP,
10 THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP MUST PROVIDE THE
11 COMMISSION IN WRITING WITH THE NAME OF THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON WHO
12 IS IN CHARGE OF THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP AND
13 IDENTIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY CONTACT THAT
14 RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

15 (iii) THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP IS RESERVED SOLELY FOR AIR AMBU-
16 LANCE USE OR OTHER HOSPITAL-RELATED FUNCTIONS.

17 (iv) THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP HAS AT LEAST 1 SUITABLE HELICOP-
18 TER APPROACH PATH THAT IS IDENTIFIED AND FREE OF OBSTACLES.

19 (v) THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP HAS A WIND DIRECTION INDICATOR.

20 (vi) THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP HAS APPROPRIATE PERMANENT OR TEM-
21 PORARY LIGHTING AVAILABLE FOR NIGHT OPERATIONS.

22 (vii) THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP HAS ADEQUATE SECURITY TO PREVENT
23 BYSTANDERS FROM APPROACHING A HELICOPTER AS IT LANDS OR DEPARTS.

24 (2) A PILOT OF A HELICOPTER LANDING AT A HOSPITAL HELISTOP
25 OR HELIPORT MUST RECEIVE PRIOR PERMISSION TO LAND AT THE HOSPITAL
26 HELISTOP OR HELIPORT FROM THE HOSPITAL HELISTOP OR A RESPONSIBLE
27 PERSON.

1 Sec. 89. Sections 86, 86A, 86b, 86c, AND 87 ~~and 88~~ do
2 not apply to landing areas designated and operated for private
3 use if commercial operations are not performed on the landing
4 areas. A landing area for private use shall not be established,
5 without commission approval, within 5 nautical miles of a public
6 use facility certified by the commission.

7 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
8 effect unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. _____
9 (request no. 06456'98) of the 89th Legislature is enacted into
10 law.