

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 70

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Memorializes Congress to phase-out certain aircraft.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the United States
2 Congress to phase-out Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft weighing less
3 than 75,000 pounds.
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5 **WHEREAS**, The United States Congress determined that local
6 concerns regarding noise pollution resulting from aviation travel
7 led to uncoordinated and inconsistent restrictions upon the
8 national aviation system which, if left unchecked, would have
9 posed an impediment to the national air transportation system;
10 and
11 **WHEREAS**, As a result, Congress enacted the federal "Airport Noise
12 and Capacity Act of 1990," Pub.L.103-272 (49 U.S.C. s.47521 et
13 seq.), setting forth a national scheme for reducing excessive air
14 noise by phasing-out older, less efficient, louder aircraft from air
15 travel; and
16 **WHEREAS**, Congress required the U.S. Secretary of Transportation
17 to establish by regulation the provision of a ten-year time-frame
18 in which Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft weighing more than 75,000
19 pounds, namely commercial aircraft, were to be removed from
20 service or undergo mechanical alterations which would reduce
21 the level of noise produced, qualifying the aircraft for Stage 3
22 classification; and
23 **WHEREAS**, This Congressional mandate exempted certain types of
24 smaller Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft, often used for corporate or
25 business travel, and which utilize general aviation airports in
26 this State and throughout the country, from the phase-out time-
27 frame; and
28 **WHEREAS**, These aircraft, not subject to the federal "Airport Noise
29 and Capacity Act of 1990," generate an inordinate amount of
30 excessive noise, yet, federal law and regulation restricts the
31 actions that airport operators and the State may take in limiting
32 these aircraft that produce such excessive noise; and
33 **WHEREAS**, As a result, those New Jersey residents living in the
34 neighborhoods surrounding general aviation airports, especially
35 near Teterboro Airport and Morristown Municipal Airport, have
36 not experienced the same level of relief from excessive air noise
37 as those individuals living in proximity to commercial airports;
38 and
39 **WHEREAS**, The quality of life for many New Jersey citizens would
40 vastly improve should Congress phase-out Stage 1 and Stage 2
41 aircraft, weighing less than 75,000 pounds, that remain in service
42 and which generate excessive noise in the areas surrounding
43 general aviation airports in this State; now, therefore,
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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
46 *Jersey:*

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1 1. The General Assembly hereby memorializes the United States
2 Congress to immediately commence phasing-out the remaining
3 Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft, weighing less than 75,000 pounds, that
4 generate excessive air noise and diminish the quality of life for so
5 many residents of New Jersey.

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7 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the
8 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof,
9 shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the
10 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each
11 member of Congress from the State of New Jersey, and to the U.S.
12 Secretary of Transportation.

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STATEMENT

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17 This Assembly resolution memorializes the United States
18 Congress to immediately commence phasing-out the remaining
19 Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft, weighing less than 75,000 pounds, that
20 generate excessive air noise and diminish the quality of life for so
21 many residents of New Jersey.