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SYNOPSIS

Reduces helicopter operations at certain aviation facilities licensed by State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning certain helicopter operations in New Jersey and
2 supplementing Title 6 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill):

9 "Airport" means a designated area of land, water, or both, which
10 is licensed by the Department of Transportation for the landing and
11 takeoff of airplanes and other aircraft, and which may provide
12 facilities for shelter, security, and service of aircraft.

13 "Emergency medical transportation" shall have the same
14 meaning as provided in section 1 of P.L.1986, c.106 (C.26:2K-35).

15 "Helicopter" means a rotary wing aircraft that depends
16 principally upon the lift generated by engine-driven rotors rotating
17 on a substantially vertical axis for its primary means of propulsion.

18 "Heliport" means a dedicated area of defined dimensions, either
19 at ground level or elevated on a structure, designated for the landing
20 or takeoff of helicopters and used solely for that purpose.

21 "Helistop" means an area of defined dimensions, either at ground
22 level or elevated on a structure designated for the landing or take
23 off of helicopters, but not limited in use to that sole purpose.

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25 2. The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt, pursuant to
26 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
27 seq.), rules and regulations to reduce the noise generated by
28 helicopters at airports, heliports, and helistops licensed by the State.
29 These rules and regulations shall include, but need not be limited to,
30 requirements that the proprietor of an airport, heliport, or helistop
31 reduce the number of helicopters leaving the airport, heliport, or
32 helistop by not less than 47 percent per weekday compared to the
33 average number of helicopter flights per weekday leaving from the
34 airport, heliport, or helistop for the 12 months preceding the date of
35 enactment of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
36 Legislature as this bill). Flights by helicopters owned or operated
37 by a federal or military authority or the State government and
38 helicopters providing emergency medical transportation shall not be
39 included in the required reduction in helicopter flights.

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill requires the Commissioner of Transportation to
47 promulgate rules and regulations to reduce the noise generated by
48 helicopters at airports, helipads, and heliports licensed by the State.

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1 These rules and regulations are to include requirements that the
2 proprietor of an airport, helipad, or helistop reduce the number of
3 helicopters leaving the airport, helipad, or helistop by not less than
4 47 percent per weekday compared to the average number of
5 helicopter flights per weekday leaving from the airport, heliport, or
6 helistop for the 12 months preceding the date of enactment of the
7 bill. Flights by helicopters owned or operated by a federal or
8 military authority or the State government and helicopters providing
9 emergency medical transportation are not included in the required
10 reduction in flights.