

By: Representative Warren

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 866

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 61-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 EXEMPT AIRCRAFT FROM REGISTRATION FEES IN COUNTIES THAT DO NOT  
3 HAVE AN AIRPORT SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION  
4 ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 61-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 61-15-5. (1) The following aircraft are exempt from  
9 provisions of this chapter:

10 (a) Aircraft manufactured within the state under an FAA  
11 approved type certificate which are owned and in the physical  
12 possession of the manufacturers as provided in subsection (4) of  
13 Section 61-15-7 of this chapter;

14 (b) Aircraft owned by charitable organizations and used  
15 solely for the furtherance of charitable purposes;

16 (c) Aircraft belonging to nonresidents of this state  
17 and registered and taxed in another state;

18 (d) Aircraft of the federal government, any agency  
19 thereof, any territory or possession thereof, any state government  
20 or agency or political subdivision thereof, and any aircraft of  
21 the Civil Air Patrol used solely in transaction of official  
22 business by a unit of the Civil Air Patrol;

23 (e) Aircraft licensed by a foreign country with which  
24 the United States has a reciprocal agreement covering the  
25 operation of such licensed aircraft;

26 (f) Aircraft not currently licensed or holding a  
27 current airworthiness certificate by the Federal Aviation  
28 Administration;



29                   (g) Aircraft taxable under the provisions of Sections  
30 27-35-701 through 27-35-711; and

31                   (h) Aircraft used for commercial fishing purposes and  
32 aircraft used primarily for agricultural purposes which are  
33 subject to the regulation of the Agricultural Aviation Board of  
34 the State of Mississippi pursuant to the Agricultural Aviation  
35 Licensing Law of 1966, Sections 69-21-101 through 69-21-125,  
36 Mississippi Code of 1972, and to which are issued current licenses  
37 by the Agricultural Aviation Board.

38                   (2) Aircraft based in a county that does not have an airport  
39 subject to regulation by the Federal Aviation Administration shall  
40 be exempt from the payment of registration fees under this  
41 chapter; however, except for the exemption of registration fees,  
42 all other provisions of this chapter shall be applicable.

43                   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2003.

