

By: Representative Warren

To: Ports, Harbors and
Airports

HOUSE BILL NO. 617

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, 2004.