

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 5.1-5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration of aircraft; fees.*

3 [S 948]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 5.1-5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 **§ 5.1-5. Registration of aircraft.**8 A. Every resident of the Commonwealth owning a civil aircraft, every nonresident owning a civil aircraft  
9 based in the Commonwealth for more than 90 days during any ~~calendar year~~ *12-month period*, and every  
10 owner of an aerial application aircraft operating within the Commonwealth or of a civil aircraft operated in  
11 the Commonwealth as a for-hire intrastate air carrier shall register such aircraft with the Department before  
12 such aircraft is operated in the Commonwealth. Any owner of an unmanned aircraft as defined in § 19.2-60.1  
13 shall not be required to register such aircraft.14 B. The Department shall provide for the issuance, expiration, suspension, and revocation of aircraft  
15 registration in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board. For the purposes of the tax imposed  
16 pursuant to Chapter 15 (§ 58.1-1500 et seq.) of Title 58.1, including any credit granted pursuant to §  
17 58.1-1504 against such tax, such aircraft registration shall be considered the licensure required by such  
18 chapter. The Department shall furnish any necessary forms pursuant to the issuance of ~~such noncommercial~~  
19 *single aircraft registration* and may assess a fee for such issuance not in excess of ~~\$5~~ *\$30* annually. *The*  
20 *Department may offer multiyear noncommercial single aircraft registrations not to exceed three years. The*  
21 *total fee for two-year registrations shall not exceed \$55, and the total fee for three-year registrations shall*  
22 *not exceed \$70.* The Department may, in lieu of issuing aircraft registration required by subsection A, issue  
23 commercial *single aircraft or commercial fleet* registration to air carriers and commercial dealers and issue to  
24 noncommercial dealers noncommercial dealer fleet registration, to cover all aircraft owned by such dealers  
25 and all aircraft for sale held by dealers on a consignment basis from an aircraft manufacturer. The Department  
26 may assess a fee not in excess of ~~\$50~~ *\$75* annually for any such noncommercial dealer fleet registrations  
27 issued. *The Department may offer multiyear noncommercial dealer fleet registrations not to exceed three*  
28 *years. The total fee for two-year registrations shall not exceed \$125, and the total fee for three-year*  
29 *registrations shall not exceed \$150. The Department may assess and a fee not in excess of \$100* *\$150*  
30 annually for any such commercial fleet registrations issued. *The Department may offer multiyear commercial*  
31 *fleet registrations not to exceed three years. The total fee for two-year registrations shall not exceed \$250,*  
32 *and the total fee for three-year registrations shall not exceed \$300.* The fee for a commercial single aircraft  
33 registration shall not be in excess of ~~\$10~~ *\$40* annually. *The Department may offer multiyear commercial*  
34 *single aircraft registrations not to exceed three years. The total fee for two-year registrations shall not*  
35 *exceed \$70, and the total fee for three-year registrations shall not exceed \$95.*36 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, no aircraft shall be required to be registered if the  
37 aircraft is brought into the Commonwealth solely for major maintenance or major repair. An aircraft owner  
38 shall provide proof that the aircraft is based at an airport in another state, shown by evidence of a hangar or  
39 tie-down lease for a minimum of 12 months prior to the aircraft being brought into the Commonwealth, and  
40 proof of the work being performed in the Commonwealth, shown by presentation of invoices that describe  
41 such work.

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