

CHAPTER 182

Original House Bill No. 142

AIR TAXI OPERATORS—ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

AN ACT relating to the annual certification of all persons engaged in air taxi operations by the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission; providing for mandatory insurance, pilot qualifications, maintenance standards, and requiring an established place of business; and providing for penalty for violation.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Definitions

Section 1. Unless otherwise specified the term "person" when used in this Act shall mean and include individuals, associations of individuals, firms, partnerships, companies, corporations and other organizations.

The term "air Taxi" shall mean irregular or contract air carrier operations.

Certification Required of Air Taxi Operators—Public Liability and Property Damage Passenger Liability—Qualification Requirements of Pilots—Maintenance of Aircraft

Section 2. On or before the first Monday in May of each and every year, commencing with the first Monday in May, 1957, all persons who contract to transport persons and/or property by air taxi for compensation or hire shall, prior to such transportation, be certificated by the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission. The Commission shall certificate such persons upon compliance with the following provisions:

(a) All aircraft utilized in air taxi operations shall be insured for a minimum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) public liability and property damage and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) passenger liability per seat, excluding the pilot seat.

(b) All pilots engaged in air taxi operations shall have a commercial pilot certificate issued by the Civil Aeronautics Administration with appropriate ratings for the type of aircraft utilized as prescribed by current Civil Air Regulations; further, he shall have four hundred (400) hours solo flight time of which one hundred (100) hours shall be cross country; provided, however, that a pilot with less than four hundred (400) hours may apply upon the recommendation of a certificated operator who verifies that the pilot is operating under strict supervision and control.

(c) All aircraft must be properly maintained in accordance with current Civil Air Regulations; and as a prerequisite to the issuance of a certificate, the applicant must file with the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission a written statement of intention that the aircraft to be employed in air taxi service will be maintained by a mechanic, naming said mechanic or firm, holding a current Civil Aeronautics Administration Mechanic's Certificate for airframe and powerplant; and as a further prerequisite, the applicant shall show evidence to the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission that hanger facilities are available, and have been engaged, at the principal place of business.

(d) Applicants for certification must maintain an office or place of business with a telephone listed under the company name, which shall be the name that is listed on the certificate.

(e) Such certificate shall be prominently displayed in the person's place of business and upon aircraft employed in air taxi operations.

Violation—Penalty

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in air taxi operations unless and until certificated by the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission pursuant to Section 2 of this Act, and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both.

Approved February 20, 1957.