

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1443
SENATE BILL 1249

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 1B OF CHAPTER 113 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES,
ALLOWING INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN STATE AID FOR AVIATION
IMPROVEMENTS.

Whereas, the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety is vitally interested in promoting the further development and improvement of air routes, airport facilities and landing fields, and to stimulate the development of aviation commerce; and

Whereas, the economic growth of North Carolina depends to a great extent on the development throughout the State of modern airports and aviation facilities; and

Whereas, the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety is vitally interested in the development of aviation as a major mode of transportation serving the people of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-28.6(1) shall be rewritten to read as follows:

"(1) The Department of Transportation and Highway Safety shall promote the further development and improvement of air routes, airport facilities, seaplane bases, heliports, protect their approaches, and stimulate the development of aviation commerce and air facilities. In exercising this power, the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety shall prepare and develop goals, objectives, standards and policies for the most efficient and economical expenditure of such State funds as may be appropriated for purposes of this Article."

Sec. 2. G.S. 113-28.7 shall be rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 113-28.7. **Activities eligible for State aid.** — Loans and grants of State funds may be made for the planning, acquisition, construction, or improvement of any airport, seaplane base, or heliport owned or controlled, or which will be owned and controlled by any city, county or public airport authority acting by itself or jointly with any other city or county. An airport, seaplane base, or heliport development project or activity eligible for State aid under this Article shall also be deemed to include projects such as air navigation facilities, aviation easements, and the acquisition of land, lighting, marking, security items, terminal improvements, and the elimination of aviation safety hazards."

Sec. 3. G.S. 113-28.8 shall be rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 113-28.8. **Limitations on State financial aid.** — Grants and loans of funds authorized by this Article shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- (1) Loans and grants may be for such projects, activities, or facilities as would in general be eligible for approval by the Federal Aviation Administration or its successor agency or agencies. Further, airport terminal and security areas, seaplane bases, and heliports are also eligible for State financial aid.
- (2) Loans and grants of State funds shall be limited to a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the nonfederal share of the total cost of any project for which aid is requested, and shall be made only for the purpose of supplementing such other funds, public or private, as may be available from federal or local sources provided; however, using Department of

Transportation personnel and one hundred percent (100%) State funding in its discretion, the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety may purchase, install, and maintain navigational aids necessary for the safe, efficient use of airspace, mark serviceable runways and taxiways and correct minor safety deficiencies which are determined to be hazardous to the flying public.

- (3) Loans and grants of State funds shall be made from General Assembly appropriations specifically designated for aviation improvement, and from no other source.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of April,

1974.