

By Mr. Brett of Boston, petition of James T. Brett for legislation to impose a fee on pilots to compensate victims of accidents caused by aircraft. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT IMPOSING A FEE ON PILOTS TO COMPENSATE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY AIRCRAFT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 39 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by adding the following paragraph: —

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any
4 airman licensed as a pilot to operate aircraft in the commonwealth
5 shall pay, in addition to any other fee established by this chapter,
6 an annual fee to be established by the commission, after a hearing,
7 which shall be set aside in a separate fund, established in the office
8 of the state treasurer, and administered by the commission. Said
9 fund shall be used to compensate victims of accidents caused by
10 falling aircraft and without fault, to compensate property owners
11 whose property has been destroyed or damaged by such aircraft
12 accidents.

13 The commission shall file an annual report with the general
14 court detailing the number of pilots or airmen so licensed, the
15 amount of the fees assessed, the total amounts collected and the
16 total amounts in said fund, including expenses and outlays. The
17 state auditor shall conduct an audit of all funds or fees
18 administered by the commission under the provisions of this
19 section.

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