

HOUSE BILL NO. 5583

A bill to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled
"Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan,"
by amending sections 20c and 24a (MCL 259.20c and 259.24a), as
added by 1996 PA 370, and by adding chapter IA and section 20d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER IA

SEC. 1A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY EXISTING DENIAL, LIMITATION,
OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, ACCESS TO OR USAGE OF PUBLIC USE
FACILITIES AND PRIVATE LANDING AREAS WITHIN THIS STATE SHALL NOT
BE DENIED, LIMITED, OR REGULATED, NOR SHALL FLIGHT OPERATIONS,
INCLUDING THOSE AT AIRPORTS, BE DENIED, LIMITED, OR REGULATED ON
THE BASIS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S RACE, RELIGION, CREED, COLOR,
NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, ANCESTRY, LINEAGE, DESCENT, HEREDITY, OR
FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP.

Sec. 20c. AS USED IN THIS ACT:

(A) "HOSPITAL" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20106 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20106.

(B) "Hospital heliport" means a heliport limited to serving helicopters engaged in air ambulance or other hospital related functions.

SEC. 20D. "HOSPITAL HELISTOP" MEANS A MINIMALLY DEVELOPED FACILITY FOR THE BOARDING AND DISCHARGING OF HELICOPTER CREW AND PASSENGERS AND THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF HELICOPTER CARGO SOLELY FOR AN AIR AMBULANCE OR OTHER HOSPITAL-RELATED FUNCTIONS.

Sec. 24a. "Private landing area" means any location, either on land or water, that is used for the ~~take-off~~ TAKEOFF or landing of aircraft, and is to be used by the owner or persons authorized by the owner. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY EXISTING LIMITATION OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THE OWNER AND ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE SUCH PRIVATE LANDING AREA. Commercial operations shall not be conducted on private landing areas.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. _____ (request no. 03492'97 **) of the 89th Legislature is enacted into law.