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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5233 AS INTRODUCED 12-11-88

The bill would amend the Aeronautics Code of the State of Michigan to increase the aircraft registration fee from 1/2 cent per pound empty weight to one cent per pound of either maximum gross weight or maximum takeoff weight, whichever was greater, for which the aircraft was certificated under the Federal Aviation Administration Airworthiness Certificate. A penalty of \$50 would be added to the registration fee if an aircraft owner failed to register or pay the fee by the time specified in the act and the failure was not more than one month. Each additional fraction of a month would add a \$5 penalty. If an aircraft registration fee was not paid within the time specified in the act and it was shown to the satisfaction of the Aeronautics Commission that the failure or refusal was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, the penalty could be waived at the discretion of the director. The period for which a penalty was assessed could not exceed one year. If an aircraft registration was paid by mail, the postmark date would be the date of payment. The bill would increase the fee for a transfer of registration certificate from \$2 to \$5. (Note: The term "director" apparently refers to the director of the Department of Aeronautics, which no longer exists.)

Language detailing the registration procedure for aircraft would be strengthened under the bill. Specifically, the bill would clarify that registration applications would be executed and returned to the commission with payment of the registration fee before the expiration date of the prior registration and that if an owner of an aircraft failed to receive a registration application form by July 1, he or she would be required to inform the commission. In addition, owners of aircraft that had not previously been subject to registration under the act would be required to inform the commission within 30 days after becoming subject to registration, and would register the aircraft, and pay the appropriate fee.

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