

STATE OF ALASKA  
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Relating to federal regulation of aircraft.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has responded to a Congressional mandate by proposing a rule that would require all aircraft within 40 miles of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Adak, Galena, and King Salmon airports and all aircraft operating at and above 6,000 feet in controlled airspace to be equipped with altitude reporting transponders; and

WHEREAS the proposed rule implements the Congressional mandate in a prohibitive manner; and

WHEREAS the Anchorage approach control facility is presently not equipped to monitor the high volume of traffic at Lake Hood and Merrill Field that would result from implementing this rule; and

WHEREAS there is not enough air traffic at the Fairbanks, Adak, Galena, and King Salmon airports to justify this rule; and

WHEREAS the proposed rule does not promote air commerce, as required by the Federal Aviation Act of 1958; and

WHEREAS the proposed rule would substantially increase controlled airspace in the state; and

WHEREAS complying with this rule would cost each aircraft owner approximately \$800 to \$3,850; and

WHEREAS this proposed rule would unnecessarily restrict aircraft flying above 1,200 feet outside metropolitan areas;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Federal Aviation

Administration is respectfully requested to exempt Alaska from the requirements of this proposed rule; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Senate that the comment deadline for this proposed rule be extended to allow additional comments to be submitted regarding the exemption.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to T. Allan McArtor, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.