

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 49 *Am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to emergency safety devices for
7 aircraft."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 02.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 02.35.115. DOWNED AIRCRAFT TRANSMITTING DEVICES. (a) After
11 July 1, 1972 for commercial aircraft and July 1, 1973 for all other
12 aircraft, no airman may make a flight in the state with an aircraft
13 unless his aircraft is equipped with an approved device capable of
14 indicating by radio transmissions the position of the aircraft when
15 grounded because of mechanical or other failure at a place other than
16 an airport. The device shall be of sufficient durability to withstand
17 the impact of a crash, and then be capable of being activated so as
18 to transmit an effective signal on a pre-set emergency distress radio
19 frequency to enable the location of the aircraft to be fixed.

20 (b) The department shall establish minimum standards for downed
21 aircraft transmitting devices and shall examine any available device
22 for effectiveness and reliability and approve for use units found to
23 be effective and reliable within limits and standards established by
24 the department.

25 (c) Upon petition by the owner of an aircraft, the department
26 may exempt the aircraft from the requirements of this section upon a
27 showing to the satisfaction of the department that a downed aircraft
28 transmitting device would not significantly increase the safety of
29 operations in a particular case. For the same reason, the department

may exempt certain classes of aircraft.

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