

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to federal regulation of air-

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craft.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS complying with this rule would cost each aircraft owner ap-
25 proximately \$800 to \$3,850; and

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

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Federal Aviation Administration
29 is respectfully requested to exempt Alaska from the requirements of this

1 proposed rule; and be it

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

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