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Relating to Federal Aviation Administration approval of installations of tundra tires on aircraft.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, after January 21, 1997, the Federal Aviation Administration no longer allows aviation safety inspectors to issue field approvals for installation of tundra tires on aircraft; and

WHEREAS persons who wish to install tundra tires on their aircraft must now contact an aircraft certification office to obtain approval for the installation of tundra tires; and

WHEREAS tests conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration demonstrated that the installation of tundra tires on aircraft had either negligible effects or acceptable effects on aircraft handling and stall characteristics; and

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has determined that the installation of tundra tires on aircraft does not represent a hazard to safety; and

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration has determined that the major cause of aircraft accidents involving aircraft with tundra tires is pilot error; and

WHEREAS discontinuing the former practice of allowing field approval of tundra tire installations will not improve air safety but will cause significant inconvenience to pilots in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the use of tundra tires has allowed Alaskans to pioneer the remote areas of Alaska and to access those areas much more safely than through the use of standard aviation tires;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Federal Aviation Administration to reinstitute the practice of allowing aviation safety inspectors to issue field approvals for tundra tire installation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rodney E. Slater, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable Barry L. Valentine, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation; 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.