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HOUSE BILL            ***124-FN***

AN ACT                relative to aircraft registration fees.

SPONSORS:        Rep. LeBrun, Hills. 32; Rep. R. Ober, Hills. 37; Rep. Hinch, Hills. 21; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 28; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Rep. Jack, Hills. 36; Rep. Ferreira, Hills. 28; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE:        Transportation

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

**This bill requires quarterly reporting by airport owners, modifies registration and operating fees for aircraft, and adjusts the distribution of operating fee revenue.**

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                          Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in  
regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen*

AN ACT           relative to aircraft registration fees.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           237:1 New Section; Reporting by Airport. Amend RSA 422 by inserting after section  
2 20 the following new section:

3           422:20-a Reporting by Airport. The owner of each airport open for public use shall  
4 submit to the department quarterly a list of all aircraft, including the federal  
5 registration number for each aircraft, that are based at that airport.

6           237:2 Repeal. The following are repealed:

7           I. RSA 422:31, I-II, relative to aircraft registration fees.

8           II. RSA 422:32, III, relative to operating fees for operation of antique aircraft.

9           237:3 Aircraft Operating Fee. RSA 422:31, III is repealed and reenacted to read as  
10 follows:

11           III. An aircraft operating fee for each aircraft for which a state registration  
12 certificate is required. The amount of the fee for an antique aircraft, glider, or  
13 experimental aircraft shall be \$100. The amount of the fee for all other aircraft shall be  
14 based on the maximum certificated gross weight of the aircraft, as follows:

15           0-3,000 lbs.	\$ 100
16           3,001-8,000 lbs.	\$ 250
17           8,001-12,500 lbs.	\$2,500
18           more than 12,500 lbs.	\$3,500

19           237:4 New Section; Reporting by Commissioner. Amend RSA 422 by inserting after  
20 section 31 the following new section:

21           422:31-a Reporting by Commissioner. On or before September 15 of each year, the  
22 commissioner shall certify in a report to the governor and the chairpersons of the house  
23 and senate standing committees on ways and means the following information: for the  
24 fiscal year just ended, the numbers of aircraft registered in each of the weight classes  
25 listed in RSA 422:31, III; operating fee revenues received by weight class; the numbers of  
26 aircraft by weight class that were based during the fiscal year at each of the airports  
27 open for public use; and a summary report showing the total numbers of such registered  
28 aircraft by weight class by year beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

29           237:5 Operating Fee Revenues. Amend RSA 422:36, II to read as follows:

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1           II. Disbursements of revenue from the aircraft operating fee shall be made by the  
2 department after collection of such fees provided that [~~1/4~~] **\$250,000** of aircraft operating  
3 fee revenues originating at a publicly or privately owned airport shall be available ***each***  
4 ***fiscal year*** for public use and shall, upon application, be paid over to the aeronautical  
5 fund established for that airport and shall be used for aeronautical purposes.

6           **237:6 Applicability.**

7           I. While recognizing that the revision in aircraft registration fees in this act may  
8 positively or negatively impact revenues, it is the legislative intent that the operating  
9 budget of the bureau of aeronautics shall not be based upon anticipated general fund  
10 revenue collected under RSA 422. Any resulting revenue impacts resulting from changes  
11 herein shall not negatively impact funding for the operation of the bureau of  
12 aeronautics.

13           II. Effective July 1, 2018, the operating fee for an aircraft not previously  
14 registered in this state or an aircraft due for registration renewal after September 1,  
15 2018 shall be the fee in RSA 422:31, III, as amended by section 3 of this act and there shall  
16 be no state registration fee for such aircraft.

17           **237:7 Effective Date.**

18           I. Sections 1-5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

19           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

**Approved: June 12, 2018**

**Effective Date:**

**I. Sections 1-5 shall take effect January 1, 2019.**

**II. Remainder shall take effect July 1, 2018**

