1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to temporary airports; amending s. 3 330.27, F.S.; revising the definition of the term 4 "temporary airport"; amending s. 330.30, F.S.; 5 requiring certain documentation to be submitted to the 6 Department of Transportation for temporary airport 7 site approval and temporary airport registration; 8 requiring a temporary airport to obtain registration 9 before operation of aircraft to or from the airport; requiring the department to publish certain notice of 10 11 receipt of a temporary airport registration application; specifying the period during which such 12 13 application may be approved or denied; requiring the 14 department to issue registration concurrent with site 15 approval; removing a condition for licensure or 16 registration as a temporary airport; prohibiting approval of subsequent registration applications under 17 18 certain circumstances; revising an exemption from 19 certain provisions for an airport used for aerial application or spraying of crops; providing an 20 21 effective date. 22 23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 24 25 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 330.27, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

- 330.27 Definitions, when used in ss. 330.29-330.39.-
- (7) "Temporary airport" means <u>an</u> <u>any</u> airport <u>at which</u> <u>flight operations are conducted under visual flight rules</u> <u>established by the Federal Aviation Administration and which is that will be used for a period of less than 30 <u>consecutive</u> days with no more than 10 operations per day.</u>
- Section 2. Subsection (1), paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (2), and paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 330.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 330.30 Approval of airport sites; registration and licensure of airports.—
- (1) SITE APPROVALS; REQUIREMENTS, EFFECTIVE PERIOD, REVOCATION.—
- (a) Except as provided in subsection (3), the owner or lessee of <u>a</u> any proposed airport shall, <u>before</u> prior to site acquisition or construction or establishment of the proposed airport, obtain approval of the airport site from the department. Applications for approval of a site shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The department shall grant the site approval if it is satisfied:
- 1. That the site has adequate area allocated for the airport as proposed.
- 2. That the proposed airport will conform to licensing or registration requirements and will comply with the applicable

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local government land development regulations or zoning requirements.

- 3. That all affected airports, local governments, and property owners have been notified and any comments submitted by them have been given adequate consideration.
- 4. That safe air-traffic patterns can be established for the proposed airport with all existing airports and approved airport sites in its vicinity.
- (b) Site approval shall be granted for  $\underline{a}$  public  $\underline{airport}$  airports only after a favorable department inspection of the proposed site.
- (c) Site approval shall be granted for <u>a private airport</u> airports only after receipt of documentation in a form and manner the department deems necessary to satisfy the conditions in paragraph (a).
- (d) Site approval shall be granted for a temporary airport only after receipt of documentation in a form and manner the department deems necessary to satisfy the conditions in paragraph (a). Such documentation must be included with the application for a temporary airport registration.
- (e) (d) Site approval may be granted subject to any reasonable conditions the department deems necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (f) (e) Approval as a public airport or a private airport shall remain valid for 2 years after the date of issue, unless

revoked by the department or  $\underline{\text{unless}}$  a public airport license is issued or  $\underline{\text{a}}$  private airport registration  $\underline{\text{is}}$  completed pursuant to subsection (2) before  $\underline{\text{prior to}}$  the expiration date.

- (g) (f) The department may extend a <u>public airport or</u>

  <u>private airport</u> site approval for subsequent periods of 2 years

  per extension for good cause.
- $\underline{\text{(h)}}$  The department may revoke <u>an airport</u>  $\underline{a}$  site approval if it determines:

- 1. That the site has been abandoned as an airport site;
- 2. That the site has not been developed as an airport within a reasonable time period or development does not comply with the conditions of the site approval;
- 3. That, except as required for in-flight emergencies, aircraft have operated on the site; or
- 4. That the site is no longer usable for aviation purposes due to physical or legal changes in conditions that were the subject of the approval granted.
- (2) LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS; REQUIREMENTS, RENEWAL, REVOCATION.—
- (a) Except as provided in subsection (3), the owner or lessee of <u>an any</u> airport in this state shall have <u>either</u> a public airport license, or private airport registration, or temporary airport registration before prior to the operation of aircraft to or from the <u>airport facility</u>. Application for a license or registration shall be made in a form and manner

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prescribed by the department. Upon granting site approval:

- 1. For a public airport, <u>upon granting site approval</u>, the department shall issue a license after a final airport inspection finds the <u>airport facility</u> to be in compliance with all requirements for the license. The license may be subject to any reasonable conditions that the department <u>deems</u> may deem necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 2. For a private airport, upon granting site approval, the department shall provide controlled electronic access to the state aviation facility data system to permit the applicant to complete the registration process. Registration shall be completed upon self-certification by the registrant of operational and configuration data deemed necessary by the department.
- 3. For a temporary airport, the department must publish notice of receipt of a registration application in the next available publication of the Florida Administrative Register and may not approve a registration application less than 14 days after the date of publication. The department must approve or deny a registration application within 14 days after receipt of a completed application and must issue the temporary airport registration concurrent with the airport site approval.
- (c) The department may license a public airport or a private airport may register as a temporary airport provided that the airport will not endanger the public health, safety, or

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welfare and the airport meets the temporary airport requirements established by the department. A temporary airport license or registration shall be valid for less than 30 days and is not renewable. The department may not approve a subsequent temporary airport registration application for the same general location if the purpose or effect is to evade otherwise applicable airport permitting or licensure requirements.

- (3) EXEMPTIONS.—The provisions of this section do not apply to:
- (e) An airport which meets the criteria of s. 330.27(7) used exclusively for aerial application or spraying of crops on a seasonal basis, not to include any licensed airport where permanent crop aerial application or spraying facilities are installed, if the period of operation does not exceed 30 days per calendar year and the frequency of operations does not exceed 10 operations per day. Such proposed airports, which will be located within 3 miles of existing airports or approved airport sites, shall establish safe air-traffic patterns with such existing airports or approved airport sites, by memorandums of understanding, or by letters of agreement between the parties representing the airports or sites.
  - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.