

26 to, an airplane, autogyro, glider, gyrodyne, helicopter, lift
 27 and cruise, multicopter, paramotor, powered lift, seaplane,
 28 tiltrotor, ultralight, and vectored thrust. The term does not
 29 include ~~except~~ a parachute or other such device used primarily
 30 as safety equipment.

31 (2) "Airport" means an area of land or water used for, or
 32 intended to be used for, ~~landing and takeoff of aircraft~~
 33 operations, which may include ~~including~~ appurtenant areas,
 34 buildings, facilities, or rights-of-way necessary to facilitate
 35 such use or intended use, if any exist. The term includes, but
 36 is not limited to, an airpark, airport, gliderport, heliport,
 37 helistop, seaplane base, ultralight flightpark, vertiport, and
 38 vertistop.

39 ~~(8) "Ultralight aircraft" means any aircraft meeting the~~
 40 ~~criteria established by part 103 of the Federal Aviation~~
 41 ~~Regulations.~~

42 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 330.30,
 43 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),
 44 respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph (a) of
 45 subsection (2), and present subsection (4) are amended, and a
 46 new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

47 330.30 Approval of airport sites; registration and
 48 licensure of airports.—

49 (1) SITE APPROVALS; REQUIREMENTS, EFFECTIVE PERIOD,
 50 REVOCATION.—

51 (a) Except as provided in subsection (4) ~~(3)~~, the owner or
 52 lessee of a proposed airport shall, before site acquisition or
 53 construction or establishment of the proposed airport, obtain
 54 approval of the airport site from the department. Applications
 55 for approval of a site shall be made in a form and manner
 56 prescribed by the department. The department shall grant the
 57 site approval if it is satisfied:

58 1. That the site has adequate area allocated for the
 59 airport as proposed.

60 2. That the proposed airport will conform to licensing or
 61 registration requirements and will comply with the applicable
 62 local government land development regulations or zoning
 63 requirements.

64 3. That all affected airports, local governments, and
 65 property owners have been notified and any comments submitted by
 66 them have been given adequate consideration.

67 4. That safe air-traffic patterns can be established for
 68 the proposed airport with all existing airports and approved
 69 airport sites in its vicinity.

70 (2) LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS; REQUIREMENTS, RENEWAL,
 71 REVOCATION.—

72 (a) Except as provided in subsection (4) ~~(3)~~, the owner or
 73 lessee of an airport in this state shall have a public airport
 74 license, private airport registration, or temporary airport
 75 registration before the operation of aircraft to or from the

76 | airport. Application for a license or registration shall be made
77 | in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

78 | 1. For a public airport, upon granting site approval, the
79 | department shall issue a license after a final airport
80 | inspection finds the airport to be in compliance with all
81 | requirements for the license. The license may be subject to any
82 | reasonable conditions the department deems necessary to protect
83 | the public health, safety, or welfare.

84 | 2. For a private airport, upon granting site approval, the
85 | department shall provide controlled electronic access to the
86 | state aviation facility data system to permit the applicant to
87 | complete the registration process. Registration shall be
88 | completed upon self-certification by the registrant of
89 | operational and configuration data deemed necessary by the
90 | department.

91 | 3. For a temporary airport, the department must publish
92 | notice of receipt of a completed registration application in the
93 | next available publication of the Florida Administrative
94 | Register and may not approve a registration application less
95 | than 14 days after the date of publication of the notice. The
96 | department must approve or deny a registration application
97 | within 30 days after receipt of a completed application and must
98 | issue the temporary airport registration concurrent with the
99 | airport site approval. A completed registration application that
100 | is not approved or denied within 30 days after the department

101 receives the completed application is considered approved and
 102 shall be issued, subject to such reasonable conditions as are
 103 authorized by law. An applicant seeking to claim registration by
 104 default under this subparagraph must notify the agency clerk of
 105 the department, in writing, of the intent to rely upon the
 106 default registration provision of this subparagraph and may not
 107 take any action based upon the default registration until after
 108 receipt of such notice by the agency clerk.

109 (3) VERTIPOINTS.—On or after July 1, 2024, the owner or
 110 lessee of a proposed vertiport must comply with subsection (1)
 111 in obtaining site approval and subsection (2) in obtaining an
 112 airport license or registration. In conjunction with the
 113 granting of site approval, the department must conduct a final
 114 physical inspection of the vertiport to ensure compliance with
 115 all the requirements for airport licensure or registration.

116 (5)~~(4)~~ EXCEPTIONS.—Private airports with 10 or more based
 117 aircraft may request to be inspected and licensed by the
 118 department. Private airports licensed according to this
 119 subsection shall be considered private airports as defined in s.
 120 330.27 ~~s. 330.27(5)~~ in all other respects.

121 Section 3. Section 332.15, Florida Statutes, is created to
 122 read:

123 332.15 Advanced air mobility.—

124 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote the
 125 development of vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and

126 vertiports that will provide residents and visitors of this
127 state with access to advanced air mobility operations.

128 (2) The Department of Transportation shall, within the
129 resources provided pursuant to chapter 216:

130 (a) Address the need for vertiports, advanced air
131 mobility, and other advances in aviation technology in the
132 statewide aviation system plan as required under s. 332.006(1)
133 and, as appropriate, in the department's work program.

134 (b) Serve as a resource for local jurisdictions and
135 developers and operators of vertical takeoff and landing
136 aircraft and vertiports.

137 (c) Designate a subject matter expert on advanced air
138 mobility within the department to serve as a resource for local
139 jurisdictions navigating advances in aviation technology,
140 including vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and
141 electrification of aviation.

142 (d) Lead a statewide education campaign for local
143 officials to provide education on the benefits of advanced air
144 mobility and advances in aviation technology and to support
145 efforts to make this state a leader in aviation technology.

146 (e) Provide local jurisdictions with a guidebook and
147 technical resources to support uniform planning and zoning
148 language across this state related to advanced air mobility and
149 other advances in aviation technology.

150 (f) Conduct a review of airport hazard zone regulations

151 and, as needed, make recommendations to the Legislature
152 proposing any changes to regulations as a result of the review.

153 (g) Coordinate with large hub airports, as defined in 49
154 U.S.C. s. 47102, located in this state to develop, fund, and
155 enact projects to test and integrate advanced air mobility
156 concepts and their support systems.

157 (h) By October 15, 2025, provide to the Governor, the
158 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
159 Representatives a report describing all of the following:

160 1. The status of the advanced air mobility industry
161 nationwide and of charging and fueling capabilities.

162 2. Current and proposed airports where advanced air
163 mobility operations are occurring or will occur.

164 3. Advances in aviation technology relating to advanced
165 air mobility.

166 4. The status of federal regulations relevant to vertical
167 takeoff and landing aircraft and vertiports, including any
168 updates to 14 C.F.R. part 77 or other relevant federal
169 regulations.

170 5. Recommendations for ways, including potential statutory
171 changes, to facilitate land use compatibility around vertiports.

172 6. Advanced air mobility best practices.

173 7. Recommendations for increased department personnel to
174 accommodate necessary inspections of advanced air mobility
175 operations.

176 8. Recommendations for ways, including potential statutory
 177 changes, to incorporate advanced air mobility in the
 178 department's Strategic Intermodal System.

179 9. Ways the department may use, promote, and further
 180 advanced air mobility for the public good, including, but not
 181 limited to, medical transportation, emergency services, law
 182 enforcement, and disaster relief.

183 10. The future infrastructure needed to support and
 184 further advanced air mobility operations.

185 (3) An airport owned by a municipality which seeks a
 186 vertiport operator for a public-use vertiport, which operator
 187 will receive public funding for such operations, must contract
 188 with an operator selected through a competitive bidding process
 189 under chapter 287 in compliance with the municipality's
 190 ordinances relating to procurement.

191 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 333.03, Florida
 192 Statutes, is amended to read:

193 333.03 Requirement to adopt airport zoning regulations.—

194 (2) In the manner provided in subsection (1), political
 195 subdivisions shall adopt, administer, and enforce airport land
 196 use compatibility zoning regulations. At a minimum, airport land
 197 use compatibility zoning regulations must address ~~shall, at a~~
 198 ~~minimum, consider~~ the following:

199 (a) The prohibition of new landfills and the restriction
 200 of existing landfills within the following areas:

201 1. Within 10,000 feet from the nearest point of any runway
202 used or planned to be used by turbine aircraft.

203 2. Within 5,000 feet from the nearest point of any runway
204 used by only nonturbine aircraft.

205 3. Outside the perimeters defined in subparagraphs 1. and
206 2., but still within the lateral limits of the civil airport
207 imaginary surfaces defined in 14 C.F.R. s. 77.19. Case-by-case
208 review of such landfills is advised.

209 (b) When ~~Where~~ any landfill is located and constructed in
210 a manner that attracts or sustains hazardous bird movements from
211 feeding, water, or roosting areas into, or across, the runways
212 or approach and departure patterns of aircraft. The landfill
213 operator must incorporate bird management techniques or other
214 practices to minimize bird hazards to airborne aircraft.

215 (c) When ~~Where~~ an airport authority or other governing
216 body operating a public-use airport has conducted a noise study
217 in accordance with 14 C.F.R. part 150, or when ~~where~~ a public-
218 use airport owner has established noise contours pursuant to
219 another public study accepted by the Federal Aviation
220 Administration, the prohibition of incompatible uses, as
221 established in the noise study in 14 C.F.R. part 150, Appendix A
222 or as a part of an alternative Federal Aviation Administration-
223 accepted public study, within the noise contours established by
224 any of these studies, except if such uses are specifically
225 contemplated by such study with appropriate mitigation or

226 similar techniques described in the study.

227 (d) When ~~Where~~ an airport authority or other governing
228 body operating a public-use airport has not conducted a noise
229 study, the prohibition ~~mitigation~~ of ~~potential incompatible uses~~
230 ~~associated with~~ residential construction and ~~any~~ educational
231 facilities ~~facility~~, with the exception of aviation school
232 facilities or residential property near a public-use airport
233 that has as its sole runway a turf runway measuring less than
234 2,800 feet in length, within an area contiguous to the airport
235 measuring one-half the length of the longest runway on either
236 side of and at the end of each runway centerline.

237 (e) The restriction of new incompatible uses, activities,
238 or substantial modifications to existing incompatible uses
239 within runway protection zones.

240 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.