

Amend HB 3144 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 151.328, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(a) Aircraft are exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter if:

(1) sold to a person using the aircraft as a certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property;

(2) sold to a person who:

(A) has a sales tax permit issued under this chapter; and

(B) uses the aircraft for the purpose of providing flight instruction that is:

(i) recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration;

(ii) under the direct or general supervision of a flight instructor certified by the Federal Aviation Administration; and

(iii) designed to lead to a pilot certificate or rating issued by the Federal Aviation Administration or otherwise required by a rule or regulation of the Federal Aviation Administration;

(3) sold to a foreign government; [~~or~~]

(4) sold in this state to a person for use and registration in another state or nation before any use in this state other than flight training in the aircraft and the transportation of the aircraft out of this state; or

(5) sold in this state to a person for use exclusively in connection with an agricultural use, as defined by Section 23.51, and used for:

(A) predator control;

(B) wildlife or livestock capture;

(C) wildlife or livestock surveys;

(D) census counts of wildlife or livestock;

(E) animal or plant health inspection services;

or

(F) crop dusting, pollination, or seeding.

(b) Repair, remodeling, and maintenance services to aircraft, including an engine or other component part of aircraft, operated by a person described by Subsection (a)(1), ~~(a)(2)~~, or (a)(5) are exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter.

(h) For purposes of the exemption under Subsection (a)(5), an aircraft is considered to be for use exclusively in connection with an agricultural use if 95 percent of the use of the aircraft is for a purpose described by Subsections (a)(5)(A) through (F). Travel of less than 30 miles each way to a location to perform a service described by Subsections (a)(5)(A) through (F) does not disqualify an aircraft from the exemption under Subsection (a)(5). A person who claims an exemption under Subsection (a)(5) must maintain and make available to the comptroller flight records for all uses of the aircraft.

SECTION _____. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 151.328, Tax Code, are a clarification of existing law and do not imply that former law may be construed as inconsistent with the law as amended by this Act.

(2) On page 3, line 14, between "Act" and "does", insert "by the amendment of Section 151.316(a), Tax Code,".