

ing off at an airport or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off.

(o) "State airway" means a route in the navigable airspace over and above the lands or waters of this State, designated by the Commission as a route suitable for air navigation.

81. (Declaration.) It is hereby declared that the purpose of this Act is to further the public interest and aeronautical progress:

by providing for the protection and promotion of safety in aeronautics;

by cooperating in effecting uniformity of the laws and regulations relating to the development and regulation of aeronautics in the several States consistent with federal aeronautics laws and regulations;

by granting to a State agency such powers and imposing upon it such duties that the State may properly perform its functions relative to aeronautics and effectively exercise its jurisdiction over persons and property within such jurisdiction, assist in the development of a State-wide system of airports, cooperate with and assist the municipalities of this State and others engaged in aeronautics, and encourage and develop aeronautics;

by establishing only such regulations as are essential in order that persons engaged in aeronautics of every character may so engage with the least possible restriction, consistent with the safety and the rights of others;

and by providing for cooperation with the federal authorities in the development of a national system of civil aviation and with the county and municipal authorities in the development of aviation in the State for the co-ordination of the aeronautical activities of those authorities and the authorities of this State.

82. (Aviation Commission.)

(a) (Creation, Membership.) There is hereby created the "State Aviation Commission of Maryland", consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Governor, for a term of three years, the members of said Commission to serve without compensation. One member shall be designated as Chairman by the Governor.

The present members of the State Aviation Commission of Maryland are hereby authorized to continue in office until the termination date of their present appointments. The successors of the present members shall be appointed