

or other aircraft in proportion to their respective losses; and for that purpose the freighters and owners of the property and the owner of such airship or other aircraft, or any of them, may take appropriate proceedings in any court of equity of this State, for the purpose of apportioning the sum for which the owner of the aircraft may be liable among the parties entitled thereto.

42. It shall be deemed a sufficient compliance on the part of such owner with the requirements of this Act relating to his liability for any embezzlement, loss, or destruction of any property, goods, or merchandise if he shall transfer his interest in such airship or other aircraft engaged in interstate or foreign commerce and freight for the benefit of such claimants to a trustee, to be appointed by any court of equity of this State to act as such trustee for the person who may prove to be legally entitled thereto; from and after which transfer, all claims and proceedings against the owner shall cease.

43. The charterer of any airship or other aircraft engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, in case he shall man, victual and navigate such airship or other aircraft at his own expense, or by his own procurement, shall be deemed the owner of such airship or other aircraft within the meaning of the provisions of this Act relating to the limitations of the liability of the owners of airships or other aircraft; and such airship or other aircraft, when so chartered, shall be liable in the same manner as if navigated by the owner thereof.

44. Nothing in the five preceding sections shall be construed to take away or affect the remedy to which any party may be entitled against the master, officers or members of the crew for or on account of any embezzlement, injury, loss or destruction of merchandise, or property, put on board any airship or other aircraft engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, or on account of any negligence, fraud, or other malversation of such master, officers, or members of the crew, respectively, nor to lessen or take away any responsibility to which any master or member of the crew of any airship or other aircraft may by law be liable, notwithstanding such master or member of the crew may be an owner or part owner of the airship or other aircraft.

45. If the owner of any airship or other aircraft engaged in interstate or foreign commerce transporting persons, mer-