

and procedures, and establish such minimum standards, consistent with the provisions of this Article, as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article and to perform its duties hereunder; for the purpose of protecting the general public safety, the safety of persons operating, using or traveling in aircraft or persons receiving instructions in flying or ground subjects pertaining to aeronautics and the safety of persons and property on land or water including the power to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations whereby persons engaging in aeronautics may be required to establish financial responsibility for any damage or injury caused by such operators, and developing and promoting aeronautics in this State. No rule or regulation of the Commission shall apply to airports or air navigation facilities owned or operated by the United States.

(b) (Conformity to Federal Legislation and Rules.) No rule, regulations, orders or standards prescribed by the Commission shall be inconsistent with, or contrary to, any Act of the Congress of the United States or any regulations promulgated or standards established pursuant thereto. These regulations should not, however, be more severe, nor should they duplicate the federal requirements, where federal regulations now exist.

(c) (Filing.) The Commission shall keep on file with the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and the Department of Legislative Reference and at the principal office of the Commission, a copy of all its rules and regulations for public inspection.

(d) (Distribution.) The Commission shall provide for the publication and general distribution of all its orders, rules, regulations and procedures having general effect.

22. (Federal Airman and Aircraft Certificates.)

(a) (Operation Without Unlawful.) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause or authorize to be operated any civil aircraft within this State unless such aircraft has an appropriate effective certificate, permit or license issued by the United States, if such certificate, permit, or license is required by the United States. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in aeronautics as an airman in the State unless he has an appropriate effective airman certificate, permit, rating or license issued by the United States authorizing him to engage in the particular class of aeronautics in which he is engaged, if such certificate, permit, rating or license is required by the United States. If any person shall be found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of violating any provision of this subsection, he shall, upon conviction, be