

(e) "Director" means the Director of Aeronautics of this State.

(f) "State" or "this State" means the State of Maryland.

(g) "Air navigation facility" means any facility—other than one owned or operated by the United States—used in, available for use in, or designed for use in, aid of air navigation, including any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other instrumentalities, or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience to the safe taking off, navigation, and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport, and any or all of such facilities.

(h) "Operation of Aircraft" or "operate aircraft" means the use, navigation or piloting of aircraft in the airspace over this State or upon any airport within this State. Aircraft capable of operating on water shall be governed by the rules of water navigation only when at rest or operating in contact with water.

(i) "Airman" means any individual who engages, as the person in command, or as pilot, mechanic, or member of the crew, in the navigation of aircraft while under way, and any individual who is directly in charge of the inspection, maintenance, overhauling, or repair of aircraft engines, propellers, or appliances, and any individual who serves in the capacity of aircraft dispatcher, or air-traffic control-tower operator; but does not include any individual employed outside the United States, or any individual employed by a manufacturer of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, or appliances to perform duties as inspector or mechanic in connection therewith, or any individual performing inspection or mechanical duties in connection with aircraft owned or operated by him.

(j) "Aeronautics instructor" means any individual who for hire or reward engages in giving instructions or offering to give instruction in flying or ground subjects pertaining to aeronautics; but excludes any instructor in a public school, university, or institution of higher learning duly accredited and approved for carrying on collegiate work, who instructs in flying or ground subjects pertaining to aeronautics, only in the performance of his duties at such school, university or institution.

(k) "Air school" means (1) any aeronautics instructor who advertises, represents or holds out as giving or offering to give instruction in flying or ground subjects pertaining to aeronautics; and (2) any person who advertises, represents or holds out as giving or offering to give instruction in flying