

or ground subjects pertaining to aeronautics whether for or without hire or reward; but excludes any public school, or university, or institution of higher learning duly accredited and approved for carrying on collegiate work.

(l) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic; and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or similar representative thereof.

(m) "Municipality" means any county, city, town village, borough, authority, district or other political subdivision or public corporation, of this State. "Municipal" means pertaining to a municipality as herein defined.

(n) "Airport hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth, or use of land, which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking 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.

(p) "Passenger" includes any person riding in an aircraft, but having no part in its operation.

2. (Declaration.) It is hereby declared that the purpose of this Article 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;