

**HB176 ENROLLED**



1 HB176  
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3 By Representative Lomax  
4 RFD: Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure  
5 First Read: 15-Feb-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to aviation; to require the Department of  
4 Transportation to take certain actions regarding advanced air  
5 mobility; and to prohibit political subdivisions of the state  
6 from adopting rules or regulations regarding advanced air  
7 mobility in certain circumstances.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
10 following terms have the following meanings:

11 (1) POWERED-LIFT AIRCRAFT. A heavier-than-air aircraft  
12 capable of vertical takeoff, vertical landing, and low speed  
13 flight that depends principally on engine drive lift devices  
14 or engine thrust for lift.

15 (2) VERTIPOINT. An area of land or water, or a  
16 structure, used or intended to be used for the takeoff or  
17 landing of powered-lift aircraft.

18 (b) The Department of Transportation shall do all of  
19 the following:

20 (1) Develop a statewide plan to include vertiports,  
21 electric aviation charging, and the infrastructure needs of  
22 other advances in aviation technology. No existing state  
23 revenues accruing to the department in the Public Road and  
24 Bridge Fund, the Rebuild Alabama Fund, or other state revenues  
25 used for the purpose of matching federal funds shall be used  
26 for the purpose of developing or updating this statewide plan.

27 (2) Designate a liaison for advanced air mobility  
28 within the department as a resource for local and regional



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29 jurisdictions navigating advances in aviation technology.

30 (3) Coordinate with experts in the public and private  
31 sector to provide local and regional jurisdictions with  
32 educational and technical resources to support uniform  
33 planning and zoning language across the state regarding  
34 powered-lift aircraft, electric aviation, and other advances  
35 in aviation technology. No existing state revenues accruing to  
36 the department in the Public Road and Bridge Fund, the Rebuild  
37 Alabama Fund, or other state revenues used for the purpose of  
38 matching federal funds shall be used for the purpose of  
39 providing local or regional jurisdictions with educational or  
40 technical resources to support uniform planning or zoning  
41 language across the state.

42 (c)(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, a political  
43 subdivision of this state, other than an airport operator,  
44 shall not enact any law, ordinance, regulation, or rule  
45 relating to advanced air mobility.

46 (2) An airport operator may only enact a law, rule,  
47 regulation, or ordinance relating to advanced air mobility  
48 that applies within the geographical boundaries over which the  
49 airport operator has authority.

50 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
51 1, 2024.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 05-Mar-24, as amended.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

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