

case, the license of the pilot or other flight crew member, or of the technical personnel on the ground who violate the flight rules or other provisions of this Law and the regulations issued thereunder.

*Article 213. Prohibited Passage on Airports.*

A fine of from twenty-five *balboas* (B/25.00) to one thousand *balboas* (B/1,000.00) shall be imposed on any person who enters or remains on any part of an airport which, by the rules, has been restricted to the public, or who brings into such areas any vehicles, animals, or other objects.

*Article 214. Competent Authorities.*

1) Violations shall be investigated and prosecuted by the General Bureau of Civil Aeronautics.

2) Notice of violations shall be sent immediately to the General Director of Civil Aeronautics, who is the competent authority to impose the penalties established in this Law.

*Article 215. Procedure.*

1) The fines imposed must be paid within the period of five (5) days, computed from their notification.

2) When this period expires, the fine may be converted into a jail [term], one (1) day for every two *balboas* (B/2.00) of fine. The fines may be collected by the proper fiscal officer through use of summary jurisdiction. In the latter case, the Director General of Civil Aeronautics shall suspend the license, permit, or operation authorization of the convicted person until the fine is paid.

*Article 216. Reconsideration or Appeal.*

For trial of these cases, the procedure to be observed is that of the Administrative Code in correctional police cases, and the following appeals are available:

a) for reconsideration before the official of first instance (trial stage), for clarification, modification, or revocation of the decision; and,

b) for appeal before the Executive Branch.

Either or both recourses may be used within five (5) weekdays, computed from the date of notice. Upon granting the appeal, the file shall be forwarded to the superior.

*Article 217. Defense.*

No penalty shall be imposed without first giving the accused an opportunity to be heard, to present evidence, and to defend himself.

TITLE VII. CRIMES AND PENALTIES

*Article 218. Crimes.*

The act of assuming control of the operation of an aircraft through use of force or through threat to use it is a crime.

*Article 219. Penalties.*

The penalty of imprisonment for two (2) to six (6) years shall be imposed on the person guilty of the crime defined in the preceding article. The trial of this crime is within the jurisdiction of the courts of the Judicial Branch.