

WILLFUL DAMAGING OF AIRCRAFT

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AN ACT

To punish the willful damaging or destroying of aircraft or motor vehicles, and their facilities, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title 18 of the United States Code is amended by inserting immediately after section 14 thereof the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 2.—AIRCRAFT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

SEC.

- 31. Definitions.
- 32. Destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities.
- 33. Destruction of motor vehicles or motor vehicle facilities.
- 34. Penalty when death results.
- 35. Imparting or conveying false information.

§ 31. Definitions

When used in this chapter the term—

“Aircraft engine”, “air navigation facility”, “appliance”, “civil aircraft”, “foreign air commerce”, “interstate air commerce”, “landing area”, “overseas air commerce”, “propeller”, and “spare part” shall have the meaning ascribed to those terms in the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended.

“Motor vehicle” means every description of carriage or other contrivance propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used for commercial purposes on the highways in the transportation of passengers, or passengers and property;

“Destructive substance” means any explosive substance, flammable material, infernal machine, or other chemical, mechanical, or radioactive device or matter of a combustible, contaminative, corrosive, or explosive nature; and

“Used for commercial purposes” means the carriage of persons or property for any fare, fee, rate, charge or other consideration, or directly or indirectly in connection with any business, or other undertaking intended for profit.

§ 32. Destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities

Whoever willfully sets fire to, damages, destroys, disables, or wrecks any civil aircraft used, operated, or employed in interstate, overseas, or foreign air commerce; or