

HOUSE BILL No. 2687

By Representatives Roeser, Bohi, Carlin, Esau, Goddard, Johnson, Reavis, Schwertfeger and VanHouden

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1 AN ACT concerning waters of the state; relating to the operation of
2 aquatic aircraft; prohibiting any governmental agency from regulating
3 landings, takeoffs or the operation of aquatic aircraft on waters of the
4 state.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a
8 governmental agency that owns, controls or has jurisdiction over waters of
9 the state shall not, in an area where vessels are permitted:

10 (1) Prohibit the takeoff, landing or operation of an aquatic aircraft; or
11 (2) regulate or require a permit or fee for the operation of an aquatic
12 aircraft.

13 (b) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Aquatic aircraft" means any motorized aircraft, seaplane,
15 floatplane or similar aircraft that is capable of taking off or landing on
16 water.

17 (2) "Governmental agency" means any officer, department, bureau,
18 division, board, authority, agency, commission or institution of the federal
19 government, state government or any political subdivision of the state
20 thereof.

21 (3) "Vessel" means any watercraft designed to be propelled by
22 machinery, oars, paddles or wind action upon a sail for navigation on the
23 water. "Vessel" does not include aquatic aircraft.

24 (4) "Waters of the state" means any waters within the territorial limits
25 of this state.

26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
27 publication in the statute book.