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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to prohibit U.S. military aircraft, or civil aircraft carrying munitions of war, from landing in the State.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 defines “U.S. military aircraft” as aircraft owned by the United States of America and used in military service. Defines “munitions of war” to include weapons, ammunition and parts thereof.

Section 2 prohibits U.S. military aircraft or civil aircraft carrying munitions of war, from landing in the State unless they are engaged in searching for an aircraft in distress or in rescuing survivors of an aircraft accident.

Section 3 is the standard short title, citation and commencement section which specifically provides that this Act shall come into operation not later than 90 days from its promulgation by the President.

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