

RCW 47.68.240 Penalties for violations. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, or any of the rules, regulations, or orders issued pursuant thereto, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) (a) Any person violating any of the provisions of RCW 47.68.220, 47.68.230, or 47.68.255 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(b) In addition to, or in lieu of, the penalties provided in this section, or as a condition to the suspension of a sentence which may be imposed pursuant thereto, for violations of RCW 47.68.220 and 47.68.230, the court in its discretion may prohibit the violator from operating an aircraft within the state for such period as it may determine but not to exceed one year. Violation of the duly imposed prohibition of the court may be treated as a separate offense under this section or as a contempt of court.

(3) In addition to the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, failure to register an aircraft, as required by this chapter is subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars if the aircraft registration is sixty days or more past due.

(4) The revenue from the penalty prescribed in subsection (3) of this section must be deposited into the aeronautics account under RCW 82.42.090. [2016 c 20 § 2; 2005 c 341 § 2. Prior: 2003 c 375 § 3; 2003 c 53 § 265; 2000 c 229 § 2; 1999 c 277 § 5; 1993 c 238 § 3; 1987 c 202 § 216; 1983 c 3 § 145; 1947 c 165 § 24; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 10964-104. Formerly RCW 14.04.240.]

Application—2016 c 20 § 2: "Section 2 of this act applies to registrations that initially become past due beginning on or after July 1, 2016." [2016 c 20 § 5.]

Findings—Intent—2016 c 20: "The legislature finds that the current penalty structure for late aircraft registration is unfair and excessive. The legislature further finds that the timing of providing proof of registration places a burden on aircraft owners attempting to lease or purchase hangar space for their aircraft. The legislature intends to streamline the penalty structure of late registrations and clarify the requirements for providing proof of registration in order to reduce administrative processes and eliminate excessive penalty charges." [2016 c 20 § 1.]

Effective date—2005 c 341: See note following RCW 47.68.230.

Effective date—2003 c 375: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2003." [2003 c 375 § 7.]

Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53: See notes following RCW 2.48.180.

Effective date—2000 c 229: See note following RCW 46.16A.030.

Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.