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## SENATE BILL NO. 217

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 5.1-88.1 and 5.1-88.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of aircraft; proof of financial responsibility.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That §§ 5.1-88.1 and 5.1-88.2 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 5.1-88.1. Proof of financial responsibility to be furnished for each aircraft.

No aircraft, as defined in § 5.1-1 except (i) *an aircraft commonly known as an "ultralight," as the same is now and may hereafter be defined by the Federal Aviation Administration*, (ii) a public aircraft, or (iii) a balloon shall be licensed by the Department unless and until the applicant ~~thereof~~ *therefor* furnishes proof of financial responsibility in the amounts required by this chapter for each aircraft for which a license is applied for.

§ 5.1-88.2. What constitutes proof of financial responsibility.

~~A.~~ The following shall constitute proof of financial responsibility as required by § 5.1-88.1:

1. The issuance, by an insurance company licensed to write such insurance in this Commonwealth, of a policy or policies of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance, or a policy or policies written pursuant to Chapter 48 (§ 38.2-4800 et seq.) of Title 38.2, which provide coverage with respect to each such aircraft in the amount of \$50,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, including passenger liability, and \$100,000 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, including passenger liability, and to a limit of \$25,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident; or a single limit policy in the sum of \$250,000, covering bodily injury and property damage liability in any one accident, including passenger liability of \$50,000 per passenger seat; or

2. The execution of a bond by the licensee and by a surety company authorized to transact business in this Commonwealth conditioned for payment in amounts and under the same circumstances as would be required in a policy of bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance, as required by the provisions of subdivision A 1 of this section; or

3. The delivery to the Department of \$50,000 in cash or in securities such as fiduciaries may invest in as provided by §§ 26-40.01 through 26-44. Such money or securities so delivered to the Department shall be placed by it in the custody of the State Treasurer and shall be subject to execution to satisfy any judgment within the limits on amounts required by this chapter for personal injury and property damage liability insurance.

~~B.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, for an aircraft commonly known as an "ultralight," as the same is now and may hereafter be defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, the proof of financial responsibility required by ~~§ 5.1-88.1~~ may be satisfied by the issuance as to that aircraft, by an insurance company licensed to write such insurance in this Commonwealth, of a single limit insurance policy in the sum of \$100,000 covering bodily injury and property damage liability in any one accident.

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