

CHAPTER 2015-185

House Bill No. 691

An act relating to the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority; amending chapter 2003-309, Laws of Florida; providing a definition; providing additional powers of the authority; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 2 of section 3 of chapter 2003-309, Laws of Florida, and subsection (22) is added to section 5 of that section, to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context indicates another or different meaning or intent:

(4) “Enclave” means those lands owned by the authority in unincorporated Manatee County, including the air operations area and various tenant parcels, which are not within the boundaries of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District and not within the boundaries of the Southern Manatee Fire and Rescue District.

Section 5. Powers of the authority.—The authority is authorized and empowered:

(22) To enforce the Florida Fire Prevention Code within the enclave of the airport and to carry out the following functions:

(a) Read, interpret, and enforce federal, state, and county fire prevention and life safety codes and regulations.

(b) Perform detailed inspections of buildings and facilities for compliance with pertinent codes and regulations.

(c) Investigate complaints or allegations of code violations and instruct tenants and owners on required corrections.

(d) Provide information to the public on fire prevention and fire safety measures.

(e) Prepare detailed factual reports of inspections and investigations.

(f) Conduct annual inspections of all airport hangars and buildings.

(g) Review and approve building and construction plans.

(h) Issue permits for activities, including, but not limited to, welding and burning, to include followup inspections.

(g) Maintain enforcement of Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs), where applicable.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2015.

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