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To: Virginia Aircraft Owner

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Re: Aircraft Registration Changes Coming Soon

The aircraft registration process will improve greatly later this year after the 2025 General Assembly passed bipartisan legislation, which Governor Youngkin signed into law in March. **(Please note:** While the law goes into effect on July 1, 2025, these changes will be phased in over several months after July 1, 2025.)

First, instead of registering your non-antique aircraft each and every year, you will now have the option to initially register or renew your aircraft registration for one year, two years or three years. And you will receive a discount for multi-year registration!

Second, for the first time in 46 years, the aircraft registration fee is being adjusted. For nearly five decades, the Virginia Department of Aviation has been subsidizing the aircraft registration process, which meant less money was available to support the 65 public-use airports in the Commonwealth. This change will make additional funds available for airport improvements and enhancements.

	Non-Commercial Single	Commercial Single	Aircraft Dealer	Commercial Fleet
Current Registration Fee	\$5	\$10	\$50	\$75
New 1-year Fee	\$30	\$40	\$75	\$150
New 2-year Fee	\$55	\$70	\$125	\$250
New 3-year Fee	\$70	\$95	\$150	\$300
<b>2-year Savings</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>3-year Savings</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$150</b>

Third, the changes will enable the Department of Aviation to introduce a new computerized aircraft registration system that will include an online payment portal for those who prefer to pay with a credit card. (Check and cash payments through the U.S. Mail will still be accepted for the foreseeable future.) Registration renewal notices will be sent to you via email, and you will be able to go online to renew your registration and pay your fee all without worrying whether the U.S. Post Office delivered your paperwork and fee.

Fourth, the legislation eliminates the need for a registration decal, which many aircraft owners complained about having to apply it to the aircraft and, thus, negatively impacting the aircraft's paint when removing it. Instead of the decal, you will receive an emailed letter/certificate that you can keep inside your aircraft as proof of compliance.

Lastly, if your aircraft insurance or any other relevant information changes at any time during the aircraft registration period, please inform our Aircraft Compliance Office so that your record can be updated.

The Virginia Department of Aviation is pleased to be improving the aircraft registration process to help save you time and money and to continue to ensure that the system of airports in Virginia is among the nation's best!