

A bill for an act
relating to aeronautics; prohibiting commissioner of transportation from
requiring repayment by city of Willmar to state airports fund for costs related to
airport relocation; prohibiting reductions of future funding from state airports
fund; requiring city to spend money not required to be repaid for runway
extension and other airport improvements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **FORMER AIRPORT PROPERTY.**

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 360.305, subdivision 4, or any other
law, the commissioner of transportation shall not require the city of Willmar to repay the
state airports fund for the state share of acquisition costs of land that was previously
used for aviation purposes, and shall not reduce any funding from the state airports fund
to the city of Willmar in order to recover that share if, by June 30, 2011, the city has
spent the amount that it would otherwise be required to repay to the commissioner for
the following purposes:

(1) paying the city's share of the costs of extending the runway at the new Willmar
airport to a length of 6,500 feet; and

(2) with money not required for the purpose of clause (1), making other
improvements to the airport.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.