

Nevada Statutes Protecting General Aviation

1. Uniform State Law for Aeronautics (Chapter 493, Title 44, NRS) -

- a) NRS 493.020 — Definitions (what constitutes an “aircraft,” etc.)
- b) NRS 493.030 — Sovereignty (state sovereignty over airspace, except where ceded to U.S.)
- c) NRS 493.040 — Ownership (landowners own airspace above land, subject to right of flight)
- d) NRS 493.050 — Lawfulness of flight and landing; liability for forced landing Case law:
McCarran International Airport v. Sisolak, where the NV Supreme Court held that landowners have property rights in usable airspace up to ~500 feet, subject to interference limits.

2. State Airports (Chapter 494, Title 44, NRS) Addresses airports, air navigation facilities, State powers (acquisition, maintenance, regulation), and eminent domain for aerial rights-of-way. Provides legal support for GA infrastructure.

3. Fund for Aviation (NRS 494.048) Special aviation fund administered by Nevada DOT, used for aviation grants and improvements.

4. Tax Incentives / Abatements Partial tax abatements for aircraft, aircraft components, and aviation-related property, reducing GA operational costs.