

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §17C-25-9

## **§17C-25-9. Unauthorized taking or operation of aircraft; penalty.**

Any person who commits the following prohibited acts is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$5,000, and confined in a state correctional facility for not less than two nor more than 10 years.

- (1) A person, other than the duly authorized agent, servant, or employee of the owner thereof, who takes, without the knowledge and consent of the owner, and operates within this state any aircraft owned by another person.
- (2) A person who willfully and without the knowledge or consent of the owner or person in lawful charge thereof, and with the intent to deprive the owner or person in lawful charge of the possession or use thereof, either temporarily or permanently, takes possession of, enters and operates, or otherwise takes and uses, any aircraft belonging to another or in his or her lawful possession;
- (3) Any person who assists, aids, and abets, or is present for the purpose and with the intent to assist, aid, or abet another person in taking possession of, entering, and operating, or otherwise taking and using the aircraft.
- (4) Any person who receives, buys, conceals, or otherwise disposes of any such aircraft knowing the same to have been stolen or taken without the knowledge or consent of the owner or person in lawful charge thereof.