

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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An Act relating to unmanned aircraft; defining unmanned aircraft; requiring owner's contact information to be permanently affixed to an unmanned aircraft; describing display methods; providing exception for unmanned aircraft registered with the Federal Aviation Administration; defining unmanned aircraft; prohibiting operation of unmanned aircraft over private property below specified altitude; providing exceptions; prescribing punishment for violation; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 290 of Title 3, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section, "unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft without occupants that is flown by a pilot via a ground control system or autonomously through use of an onboard computer, communication links and other additional equipment necessary to operate the aircraft and includes unmanned aircraft commonly called drones.

1 B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, all
2 unmanned aircraft operated within the state shall have identifying
3 contact information, including the name, physical address and
4 telephone number of the unmanned aircraft operator, visibly
5 displayed on the outside of the unmanned aircraft. The contact
6 information shall be permanently affixed to the aircraft through an
7 engraving, permanent label, permanent marker or paint.

8 C. Unmanned aircraft that are registered with the Federal
9 Aviation Administration's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) registry
10 and assigned a registration number shall not be required to display
11 the contact information listed in subsection B of this section if
12 the unmanned aircraft is properly labeled with the federal
13 registration number.

14 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 320 of Title 3, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. As used in this section, "unmanned aircraft" means an
18 aircraft without occupants that is flown by a pilot via a ground
19 control system or autonomously through use of an onboard computer,
20 communication links and other additional equipment necessary to
21 operate the aircraft and includes unmanned aircraft commonly called
22 drones.

23 B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, a person
24 shall not intentionally or knowingly operate an unmanned aircraft

1 over private property of another at an altitude of less than one
2 thousand three hundred twenty (1,320) feet above ground level.

3 C. This section shall not apply to conduct committed by:

4 1. The federal government, the state or a political subdivision
5 of the state;

6 2. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the
7 direction or on behalf of the federal government, the state or a
8 political subdivision of the state;

9 3. A law enforcement agency;

10 4. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the
11 direction or on behalf of a law enforcement agency; or

12 5. A person who has the prior written consent of the property
13 owner or legal tenant of the property.

14 D. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor,
15 punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than Five Hundred
16 Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not to
17 exceed one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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