

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1088

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An Act relating to unmanned aircraft systems;
allowing for certain use by pipeline companies,
utility companies and agricultural producers;
allowing for certain restrictions of use; 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 323 of Title 3, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section, "unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)"
means any unmanned or uninhabited vehicle that is capable of either
powered locomotion on the ground or powered flight in the air, or
both, and that does not carry a human operator on or in the vehicle.
A UAS may be remotely controlled or programmed to operate
autonomously or on planned routes.

B. Pipeline companies, utility companies and agricultural
producers may use UAS to inspect pipelines, utility facilities and
agricultural crops or livestock within the limits of their rights-

1 of-way or property boundaries and may operate at an altitude that
2 provides thorough inspection of the pipelines, utility facilities or
3 agricultural crops or livestock. Below two hundred (200) feet above
4 ground level pipeline operators, utility companies and agricultural
5 producers may operate a UAS beyond visual line of sight provided:

6 1. The operator stays within the limits of the rights-of-way or
7 within the property boundaries;

8 2. The operator is able to effectively and safely maintain
9 positive control of the UAS; and

10 3. The operator yields to and remains clear of any manned
11 aircraft in the area.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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