



HOUSE BILL No. 5496

January 30, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Hoitenga, Lower, Hauck and Barrett and referred to the Committee on Communications and Technology.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 436, entitled
"Unmanned aircraft systems act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 259.303) and by adding section 30.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

2 (A) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
3 CREATED BY SECTION 26 OF THE AERONAUTICS CODE OF THE STATE OF
4 MICHIGAN, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.26.

5 (B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE,
6 THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

7 (C) ~~(a)~~—"Person" means an individual, partnership,
8 corporation, association, governmental entity, or other legal
9 entity.

10 (D) ~~(b)~~—"Political subdivision" means a county, city, village,
11 township, or other political subdivision, public corporation,

1 authority, or district in this state.

2 ~~—— (c) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft and~~
3 ~~all of the associated support equipment, control station, data~~
4 ~~links, telemetry, communications, navigation equipment, and other~~
5 ~~equipment necessary to operate the unmanned aircraft.~~

6 (E) ~~(d)~~—"Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft flown by a
7 remote pilot via a ground control system, or autonomously through
8 use of an on-board computer, communication links, and any
9 additional equipment that is necessary for the unmanned aircraft to
10 operate safely.

11 (F) "UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM" MEANS AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AND
12 ALL OF THE ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, CONTROL STATION, DATA
13 LINKS, TELEMETRY, COMMUNICATIONS, NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER
14 EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

15 SEC. 30. (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (A) PROVIDE ADVICE TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THIS
17 STATE ABOUT THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AND RELATED
18 TECHNOLOGY.

19 (B) PROVIDE ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (i) REGULATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS BY THE FEDERAL
21 GOVERNMENT AND BY THIS STATE.

22 (ii) SAFE OPERATING PRINCIPLES FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

23 (iii) RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

24 (iv) ANY OTHER MATTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION'S
25 AUTHORITY UNDER THIS ACT.

26 (C) PROVIDE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENTS AND
27 AGENCIES OF THIS STATE, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AND THE GENERAL

1 PUBLIC ABOUT UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

2 (D) RECEIVE AND CONSIDER COMMENTS FROM PERSONS IN THIS STATE
3 THAT ARE INTERESTED IN OR AFFECTED BY THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
4 SYSTEMS.

5 (3) THE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THIS STATE SHALL PROVIDE
6 SUPPORT TO THE COMMISSION AS NECESSARY AND AS REQUESTED FOR THE
7 COMMISSION TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS ACT. IN ADDITION TO THE
8 STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S PROVISION OF SUPPORT, THE
9 FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS SHALL PROVIDE PRIMARY SUPPORT TO THE
10 COMMISSION:

11 (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

12 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

13 (C) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

14 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

15 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
17 after the date it is enacted into law.