

SENATE BILL No. 917

April 26, 2016, Introduced by Senators MACGREGOR, JONES, STAMAS, KNEZEK, MARLEAU and SCHUITMAKER and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled "Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan," by amending section 9 (MCL 259.9), as amended by 2002 PA 35, and by adding section 96.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 9. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Taxi" means the moving of an aircraft under its own
 3 power, either on the ground or on the surface of the water, ~~prior~~
 4 ~~to~~ **BEFORE** the beginning of the take-off run and after the end of
 5 the landing run.

6 (b) "Temporary commercial operations" means any commercial
 7 operation conducted for a period **OF** not ~~to exceed~~ **MORE THAN** 120
 8 days per calendar year.

9 (c) "Ultralight" means an aircraft ~~meeting~~ **THAT MEETS THE**
 10 requirements of 14 ~~C.F.R.~~ **CFR** part 103.

1 (D) "UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM" MEANS AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AND
2 ALL OF THE ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, CONTROL STATION, DATA
3 LINKS, TELEMETRY, COMMUNICATIONS, NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER
4 EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

5 (E) "UNMANNED AIRCRAFT" MEANS THE FLYING PORTION OF AN
6 UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM, FLOWN BY A PILOT VIA A GROUND CONTROL
7 SYSTEM, OR AUTONOMOUSLY THROUGH USE OF AN ON-BOARD COMPUTER,
8 COMMUNICATION LINKS, AND ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT THAT IS NECESSARY
9 FOR THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT TO OPERATE SAFELY.

10 (F) ~~(d)~~"Vehicle" means ~~any~~A device in, ~~upon~~ON, or by which
11 ~~a person~~AN INDIVIDUAL or property is or may be transported, except
12 an aircraft.

13 SEC. 96. A PERSON THAT IS AUTHORIZED OR LICENSED BY THE
14 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO OPERATE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS
15 FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MAY OPERATE AN UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM IN
16 THIS STATE IF THE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM IS OPERATED IN A MANNER
17 CONSISTENT WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OR LICENSURE.

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