SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 715

A bill to amend 2016 PA 436, entitled "Unmanned aircraft systems act," by amending section 5 (MCL 259.305).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 5. (1) Except as expressly authorized by statute, a
- 2 political subdivision shall not enact or enforce an ordinance or
- 3 resolution that regulates the ownership or operation of unmanned
- 4 aircraft or otherwise engage in the regulation of the ownership or
- 5 operation of unmanned aircraft.
- 6 (2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
- 7 THAT PROHIBITS THE OPERATION OF NONEMERGENCY MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE
- 8 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT
- 9 PROHIBIT OWNERSHIP OR OPERATION OF AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FOR A
- 10 COMMERCIAL PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZED UNDER EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 (A) AN EXEMPTION ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL
- 2 AVIATION ADMINISTRATION UNDER SECTION 333 OF PUBLIC LAW 112-95, 49
- 3 USC 40101 NT.
- 4 (B) A REMOTE PILOT CERTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL
- 5 AVIATION ADMINISTRATION UNDER 14 CFR PART 107.
- 6 (3) (2) This act does not prohibit a political subdivision
- 7 from promulgating rules, regulations, and ordinances for the use of
- 8 unmanned aircraft systems by the political subdivision within the
- 9 boundaries of the political subdivision.
- 10 (4) (3)—This act does not affect federal preemption of state
- **11** law.
- 12 (5) (4)—If this act conflicts with section 40111c or 40112 of
- 13 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
- 14 451, MCL 324.40111c and 324.40112, those sections control.
- 15 (6) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "COMMERCIAL PURPOSE" MEANS
- 16 NEWS GATHERING BY A PERSON LICENSED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
- 17 COMMISSION, MAINTENANCE BY A PUBLIC UTILITY, OR MAINTENANCE OF
- 18 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.
- 19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 20 after the date it is enacted into law.