

SENATE BILL No. 918

March 21, 2018, Introduced by Senators CASPERSON, JONES, MACGREGOR and BOOHER and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE,
3 THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

4 (B) "OFFICE" MEANS THE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS JOINT PROGRAM
5 OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 30.

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

9 (D) ~~(b)~~—"Political subdivision" means a county, city, village,

1 township, or other political subdivision, public corporation,
2 authority, or district in this state.

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

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

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

16 SEC. 30. (1) THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS JOINT PROGRAM
17 OFFICE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

18 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (A) PROVIDE ADVICE TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THIS
20 STATE ABOUT THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AND RELATED
21 TECHNOLOGY.

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

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

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

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

27 (iv) ANY OTHER MATTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE OFFICE'S

1 AUTHORITY.

2 (C) PROVIDE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENTS AND
3 AGENCIES OF THIS STATE, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AND THE GENERAL
4 PUBLIC ABOUT UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

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

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

13 (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

14 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

15 (C) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

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

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

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