



An Act to provide regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems operating within the state of Iowa; to provide exception criteria for the official duties of certain operators; to establish state preemption for the remotely operated aircraft regulation.

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **Definitions.**

1. "Unmanned Aircraft System" (UAS) means an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft and its associated elements (including the communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the safe and efficient operation of the unmanned aircraft in the national airspace system.

2. "Surveillance" means the malicious intent to closely listen to, watch, or monitor a person(s) where those persons would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Section 2. NEW SECTION **Unlawful Use of an Unmanned Aircraft System**

(A) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of an Unmanned Aircraft System if the person uses a such aircraft to intentionally:

1. Conduct surveillance of another person, or capture photographs, video, or audio recordings, without their consent, that would invade the individual's reasonable expectation of privacy.
2. Operate the Unmanned Aircraft System in such a manner that the aircraft places another person in reasonable fear of significant bodily injury or death.
3. Disrupt, interfere, harass, injure, or destroy Agricultural or domesticated animals owned by another person.
4. Damage, destroy, or pollute land, structures, feed, seed, materials, or equipment without the consent of the owner.

(B) A person who commits unlawful use of an Unmanned Aircraft System shall be guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

(C) Exceptions:

1. Notwithstanding, the following uses are permitted and do not constitute unlawful use:
 - a. Commercial or recreational photography, videography, and information gathering.
 - b. Land Surveying in accordance with the provisions of chapter 355.
 - c. Providing emergency supplies or life rendering aid.

- d. In an in-flight emergency or abnormal condition of an Unmanned Aircraft System requiring an immediate action to prevent or minimize injury to persons, animals, or property.

Section 3. NEW SECTION **Preemption of local regulation of Unmanned Aircraft System**

Any individual who possesses permission[s] from the FAA to operate an UAS in the National Airspace is permitted to operate a UAS within the state of Iowa.

Except where otherwise authorized by statute, a city, town, or county shall not enact, adopt, or enforce any ordinance, policy, or rule which regulates the ownership or operation of unmanned aircraft systems or otherwise engage in the regulation of ownership, operation, licensing, or certification of Unmanned aircraft systems. Any ordinance, policy, or rule that violates this subsection, whether enacted or adopted by the city, town, or county before or after the effective date of this section, is void.

Section 4. NEW SECTION **Federal Authority over airspace**

Nothing in this **[title]** shall preempt or intrude upon the exclusive sovereignty of airspace of the United States as set forth in 49 U.S.C. §40103. Any interpretation or application of any provision of this **[title]** that contradicts the exclusive authority of the United States government to regulate the operation of Unmanned aircraft systems in the airspace of the United States shall be null. This Act shall not conflict with federal preemption or sovereignty.