States’ Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Laws

Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife

Indiana
IN ST § 14-22-6-16 Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Aid Hunting

(a) This section does not apply to the following:
   (1) The department or the department's designee.
   (2) Employees or agents of a governmental entity while performing official duties.
   (3) Employees or agents of an educational or research institution acting for bona fide educational or scientific purposes.
   (4) Use of an unmanned aerial vehicle to assist, provide care for, or provide veterinary treatment to a specific wild animal.
   (5) Use of an unmanned aerial vehicle to monitor areas of agricultural production or to monitor nuisance wild animals.

(b) As used in this section, “take” means to:
   (1) kill, shoot, spear, harm, catch for the purpose of killing, trap for the purpose of killing, or pursue for the purpose of killing a wild animal; or
   (2) attempt to engage in conduct under subdivision (1).

(c) During the period:
   (1) beginning fourteen (14) days before the hunting season for a particular wild animal species; and
   (2) ending upon the expiration of legal hunting hours on the last day of the hunting season;

   a person may not knowingly use an unmanned aerial vehicle (as defined by IC 35-31.5-2-342.3) to search for, scout, locate, or detect a wild animal to which the hunting season applies as an aid to take the wild animal.