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Current through April 5, 2020

UT ST § 72-14-101 Title

This chapter is known as "Unmanned Aircraft--Drones."

UT ST § 72-14-102 Definitions

As used in this chapter:
(1) “Airport” means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.
(2) “Airport operator” means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.
(3) “Correctional facility” means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-16b-102.
(4) “Unmanned aircraft” means an aircraft that is:
   (a) capable of sustaining flight; and
   (b) operated with no possible direct human intervention from on or within the aircraft.
(5) “Unmanned aircraft system” means the entire system used to operate an unmanned aircraft, including:
   (a) the unmanned aircraft, including payload;
   (b) communications equipment;
   (c) navigation equipment;
   (d) controllers;
   (e) support equipment; and
   (f) autopilot functionality.
UT ST § 72-14-103 Preemption of Local Ordinance

(1) A political subdivision of the state, or an entity within a political subdivision of the state, may not enact a law, ordinance, or rule governing the private use of an unmanned aircraft unless:
   (a) authorized by this chapter; or
   (b) the political subdivision or entity is an airport operator that enacts the law, rule, or ordinance to govern:
      (i) the operation of an unmanned aircraft within the geographic boundaries of the airport over which the airport operator has authority; or
      (ii) the takeoff or landing of an unmanned aircraft at the airport over which the airport operator has authority.

(2) This chapter supersedes any law, ordinance, or rule enacted by a political subdivision of the state before July 1, 2017.

UT ST § 72-14-104 Applicability

This chapter does not apply to a person or business entity:
   (1) using an unmanned aircraft for legitimate educational or business purposes; and
   (2) operating the unmanned aircraft system in a manner consistent with applicable Federal Aviation Administration rules, exemptions, or other authorizations.

UT ST § 72-14-301 Title

This part is known as “Unlawful Use of Unmanned Aircraft.”

UT ST § 72-14-401 Title

This part is known as “Safe Use of Unmanned Aircraft.”

UAC R651-601-18 Unmanned Aircraft

(1) “Unmanned Aircraft” means an aircraft that is capable of sustaining flight and that operates with no possible direct human intervention from, on or within the aircraft.

UAC R651-602-8 Operation of Unmanned Aircraft

A person must obtain written permission from the park manager before operating an unmanned aircraft within the park system.