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States' Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Laws: *Utah*



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UAC R651-601-16

UAC R651-602-8

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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) (a) "Advanced air mobility system" means a system that transports individuals and property using piloted and unpiloted aircraft, including electric aircraft and electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, in controlled or uncontrolled airspace.
- (b) "Advanced air mobility system" includes each component of a system described in Subsection (1)(a), including:
 - (i) the aircraft, including payload;
 - (ii) communications equipment;
 - (iii) navigation equipment;
 - (iv) controllers;
 - (v) support equipment; and
 - (vi) remote and autonomous functions.
- (2) "Airport" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.
- (3) "Airport operator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.
- (4) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-16b-102.
- (5) "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.
- (6) "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 or the private use of an advanced air mobility system, 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 or an advanced air mobility system within the geographic boundaries of the airport over which the airport operator has authority; or
 - (ii) the takeoff or landing of an unmanned aircraft or an aircraft operated as part of an advanced air mobility system 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 R651-601-16 Unmanned Aircraft

“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.

