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IN ST § 14-22-6-16

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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.

