

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REVISIONS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dixon M. Pitcher

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits flight of unmanned aircraft within a certain distance of a correctional facility.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines "correctional facility;"
- ▶ prohibits flight of unmanned aircraft within a certain radius of a correctional facility; and
- ▶ provides certain exemptions.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

72-14-102, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 364

ENACTS:

72-14-304, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section 72-14-102 is amended to read:

29 **72-14-102. Definitions.**

30 As used in this chapter:

31 (1) "Airport" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.

32 (2) "Airport operator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-10-102.

33 (3) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 64-13-1
34 and 77-16b-102.

35 [~~(3)~~] (4) "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft that is:

36 (a) capable of sustaining flight; and

37 (b) operated with no possible direct human intervention from on or within the aircraft.

38 [~~(4)~~] (5) "Unmanned aircraft system" means the entire system used to operate an
39 unmanned aircraft, including:

40 (a) the unmanned aircraft, including payload;

41 (b) communications equipment;

42 (c) navigation equipment;

43 (d) controllers;

44 (e) support equipment; and

45 (f) autopilot functionality.

46 Section 2. Section 72-14-304 is enacted to read:

47 **72-14-304. Unlawful operation of unmanned aircraft near prison facilities.**

48 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a person may not fly an unmanned aircraft
49 within one-quarter of a mile of a correctional facility.

50 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person flying an unmanned aircraft as part of an
51 official function of:

52 (a) an educational institution;

53 (b) a law enforcement agency;

54 (c) a government agency; or

55 (d) a political subdivision of this state.