
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO ADOPT LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT BAN, REGULATE, OR EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BAN OR REGULATE THE USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY.

1 WHEREAS, the rapid growth and widespread adoption of
2 unmanned aircraft systems, popularly known as "drones", has
3 created potential risks to people and property in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, incidents involving the unauthorized or unsafe use
6 of unmanned aircraft systems have risen dramatically in recent
7 years, with reports of incidents of unmanned aircraft systems
8 interfering with civil airliners and aerial firefighting; and
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10 WHEREAS, in addition, the unsafe, unauthorized, and
11 unregulated practice of flying unmanned aircraft systems over
12 other people's private property has created serious concerns
13 about safety, privacy, and liability, as well as violation of
14 the rights of property owners; and
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16 WHEREAS, many states and municipalities have attempted to
17 regulate aspects of unmanned aircraft systems usage, including
18 passing laws to address privacy and safety concerns; and
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20 WHEREAS, however, because Congress has provided the Federal
21 Aviation Administration with the exclusive authority to regulate
22 the navigable airspace, it is unclear whether state or local
23 laws that purport to regulate unmanned aircraft systems usage
24 are preempted by federal law; and
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26 WHEREAS, for example, some jurisdictions have enacted laws
27 that ban unmanned aircraft systems from operating below an
28 altitude of four hundred feet over private property without the
29 express permission of the property owner; and

30 WHEREAS, however, at least one ordinance that attempted to
31 regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems in this manner has



