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STATE \mathbf{OF} RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

AN ACT

RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE REGULATION

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Winfield, Solomon, Kazarian, and Corvese Date Introduced: February 10, 2016 Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 1 of the General Laws entitled "AERONAUTICS" is hereby amended 2 by adding thereto the following chapter: 3 CHAPTER 8 4 **UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES** 5 <u>1-8-1. Exclusive aerial regulations.</u> – <u>Subject to federal law, the state of Rhode Island</u> and the Rhode Island Airport Corporation shall have exclusive legal authority to regulate any 6 7 object capable of flying, which is remotely controlled, and flies autonomously through software 8 controlled flight plans embedded in the object's system by a global position system, commonly 9 known as unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft, drones, or unmanned aircraft 10 systems. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage. 11

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would grant exclusive authority subject to federal law, to the state of Rhode 1 2 Island and the Rhode Island Airport Corporation to regulate unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely 3 piloted aircraft, drones, and unmanned aircraft systems. 4 This act would take effect upon passage. LC004686/SUB A/2