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STATE 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:

1		SE	ECTI	ON	1. Title	e 1 o	of the	Genera	l Laws	entitled	"AER	ONAU'	TICS"	is hereby	amen	ded
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2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 8 4 **UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES** 5 1-8-1. Exclusive aerial regulations. - Subject to federal law, the state of Rhode Island 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. Federal Preemption. - If federal law preempts any provision of this chapter, 11

- 12 that provision shall not apply.
- 13 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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1 This act would grant exclusive authority, subject to federal law, to the state of Rhode

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.

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