

AMA District I Advocacy & Government Relations Committee



The following **State Button links** will allow AMA clubs and members to identify, track, and monitor legislation on sUAS/Drones/Model-Aircraft in real-time that if passed may negatively impact the operation of model aircraft within your state. **Click on the state button links below and explore the bills and data from each state.**



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING LEGISCAN

1. Click on the **State name link button**. In this example it was preset for ‘Rhode Island’ with a Text Search: ‘Unmanned’ in the ‘LegiScan Search’ box. (Note some States will require both “Unmanned Aircraft & Drone” in the Text Search box)

Search Results (RI legislative search about Unmanned) **Figure 1**

Match	State	Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action
100%	RI	S2230	Intro	Prohibits law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper warrant. [Detail] [Text] [Discuss]	2016-01-27 To Senate Judiciary Committee
98%	RI	H7022	Pass	House Resolution Reinstating And Extending The Commission Life And Amending The Membership Of The Special Legislative Commission To Study And Review Regulation Of Drones And Unmanned Aerial Vehicles [Detail] [Text] [Discuss]	2016-01-06 House read and passed
97%	RI	H7511	Intro	Grants exclusive authority to the state of Rhode Island to regulate unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft, drones, and unmanned aircraft systems. [Detail] [Text] [Discuss]	2016-02-10 To House Corporations Committee
97%	RI	H7334	Intro	Establishes registration requirements and operational restrictions for unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems ("drones"), and criminalizes the invasion of privacy by use of such aircraft. [Detail] [Text] [Discuss]	2016-01-27 To House Judiciary Committee

2. Read the **‘Summary/Titles’** column of the bills that pertain to regulating UAS/Drones/Model-Aircraft and select those bills that are directed towards individual/personal and not-for-profit use/operation of unmanned aircraft, excluding bills directed to government (state/local) agencies or departments or commercial use of unmanned aircraft.

3. Click **[Text]** below the ‘Summary/Title to open the selected bills and read a PDF copy of the latest version of the bill. Identify items in the bills that would exclude, impair or limit AMA member’s operation/use of their unmanned aircraft as currently operated/allowed within AMA’s safety programming.

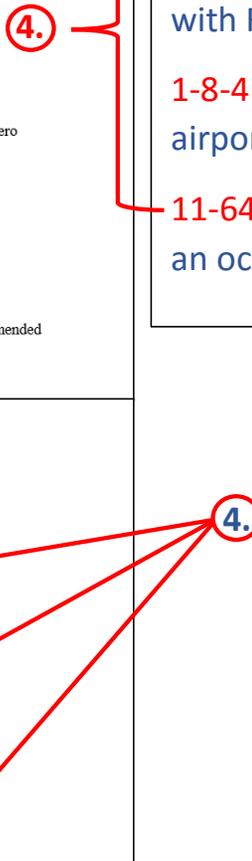
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2016 -- H 7334
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016
A N A C T
RELATING TO AERONAUTICS
Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Marshall, Abney, Shekarchi, and Ruggiero
Date Introduced: January 27, 2016
Referred To: House Judiciary
It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:
1 SECTION 1. Title 1 of the General Laws entitled "AERONAUTICS" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 8
4 THE RHODE ISLAND UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES ACT OF 2016
5 1-8-1. Short title. - This chapter shall be known and may be cited as "The Rhode Island
6 Unpiloted Aerial Vehicles Act of 2016."
7 1-8-2. Exclusive aerial regulations. - The state of Rhode Island shall have exclusive
8 legal authority to regulate any unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft, or unmanned
9 aircraft systems, hereinafter referred to and described as "drones."
10 1-8-3. Registration. - (a) Any drone sold, possessed, or operated in Rhode Island must
11 be registered with the department of public safety.
12 (b) Information provided in accordance with § 1-8-3(a) must include the drone's serial
13 number, name of manufacturer, specifications, and any other available identifying information.
14 (c) The registration required by § 1-8-3(a) shall be subject to a fifteen dollar (\$15.00)
15 registration fee payable to the Rhode Island department of public safety.
16 1-8-4. Areas of prohibited operation. - (a) No drone shall be operated:
17 (1) Within five (5) miles of T.F. Green state airport and the Quonset Point naval air
18 station.
19 (2) Within five (5) miles of any military installation;

Identified items in HB7334 needing to be Opposed
1-8-2 The state of Rhode Island shall have exclusive authority over UAS/MA operations in the state.
1-8-3 Any drone sold, possessed or operated in RI must be registered with RI DPS each fee \$15.
1-8-4 Area prohibited operation 5 miles of TFG and QP, 2 miles other airport, .5 miles public buildings, schools, colleges and universities.
11-64-3 Prohibit use of cameras/sensors to capture data or images in an occupied house or building or invading privacy.

1 (3) Within two (2) miles of any other state airport;
2 (4) Within two (2) miles of any emergency aeronautic vehicle, including, without
3 limitation, a medi-vac helicopter;
4 (5) Within one-half (1/2) mile of any government building;
5 (6) Within one-half (1/2) mile of any school, college, or university.
6 SECTION 2. Chapter 11-64 of the General Laws entitled "Electronic Imaging Devices"
7 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
8 11-64-3. Invasion of privacy by drone. - (a) No person shall use a drone, as defined in §
9 1-8-2, equipped with a device capable of capturing, recording, storing, or transmitting visual
10 images, to look into an occupied dwelling house or other building.
11 (b) A person found guilty of the crime of invasion of privacy by drone shall be
12 imprisoned for not more than three (3) years and/or fined not more than five thousand dollars
13 (\$5,000).
14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.



5. Return to initial 'search result' page above and click on bill number (in this example H7344) or on [\[detail\]](#). They will open the more detailed bill page that follows. Check the bills 'Status', any 'Action' taken, and 'Pending'. In this example the bill is pending in the 'House Judiciary Committee'. Please note that bills of this type don't always end up in this committee. While on this page note the names of the representatives who were **Sponsors** of the bill and review the bill's **History**. When writing letters of opposition (in this case to the House Judiciary Committee members), it is customary to send a copy to the bill sponsors.
6. Click on the 'State Legislative page' as shown below. In this example, we are not electing to monitor legislation and receive email alerts since it requires either a free public service OneVote account or a subscription to the GAITS Professional services. Instead we can get the rest of the information from the state governments website.

Rhode Island House Bill 7334 6.

RI State Legislature page for H7334#

Summary
Sponsors
Texts
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Track

Status

Spectrum: Partisan Bill (Democrat 5-0)
 Status: Introduced on January 27 2016 - 25% progression
 Action: 2016-01-27 - Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
 Pending: House Judiciary Committee
 Text: Latest bill text (Introduced) [PDF]

Summary

Establishes registration requirements and operational restrictions for unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems ("drones"), and criminalizes the invasion of privacy by use of such aircraft.

Tracking Information

Register now for our free OneVote public service or GAITS Professional trial account and you can begin tracking this and other legislation, all driven by the real-time data of the LegiScan API. Providing tools allowing you to research pending legislation, stay informed with email alerts, content feeds, and share dynamic reports. Use our new PolitiCorps to join with friends and colleagues to monitor & discuss bills through the process.

Monitor Legislation or view this same bill number from multiple sessions or take advantage of our national legislative search.

Title

Relating To Aeronautics

Sponsors

Rep. Raymond Gallison [D]	Rep. Kenneth Marshall [D]	Rep. Marvin Abney [D]	Rep. Joseph Shekarchi [D]
Rep. Deborah Ruggiero [D]			

History

Date	Chamber	Action
2016-01-27	House	Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

Subjects

Relating To Aeronautics

Rhode Island State Sources

Type	Source
Summary	http://status.rilin.state.ri.us/#
Text	http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText16/HouseText16/H7334.pdf#

Bill Comments

0 Comments Sort by Oldest

7. The state government websites will all be different. Look for the 'Legislation' link as shown in the example below and 'Click' on it to get to the legislative page with the Legislative Session Information.



8. On the Legislative Session Info page (in this HB7334 example) 'Click' on the Committee Agendas or the Committee Calendars and then select the 'House Judiciary Committee'. In the list of bills, hearing dates, times and room numbers HB73354 is not scheduled for any day next week. In this case we will check again next Thursday for the week after. While on the page, select 'Committee Memberships' and copy the member email addresses for sending them opposition or amendment recommendation letters as well as phone numbers of representative chairpersons if you intend to contact them later.

