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# Drone Law

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# What Is a Drone?

- Formally known as **unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)** or **unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)**
- Essentially, a flying robot
- May be remotely controlled or can fly autonomously through software-controlled flight plans using gps



# Basic Rules for Private Use

- Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles
- Keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times
- Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft
- Don't fly within 5 miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying
- Don't fly near people or stadiums
- Don't fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 pounds
- Don't be careless or reckless or risk fines for endangering people or other aircraft

# Federal Regulation



## February 24, 2016, FAA Press Release:

“FAA Unveils Effort to Expand the Safe Integration of Unmanned Aircraft”

- Creates a “Micro UAS” rulemaking committee
- Began work in March, and final report due April 1
- Short timeline is to reach regulatory framework that is flexible and performance-based
- Addresses potential hazards rather than simply weight and speed
- Seeking comment from a broad variety of stakeholders

# State Regulation



## H.B. 1349:

“An Act Concerning the Use of an Unmanned Vehicle or Aircraft to Commit the Offense of Voyeurism of Video Voyeurism”

Would make unlawful knowing use of an unmanned vehicle of aircraft or concealed camera to surreptitiously take photos/video to

- View any portion of a person’s body covered with clothing and for which there is a reasonable expectation of privacy;
- Without knowledge or consent of the person; AND
- Under circumstances where the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy