

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1088

By: Simpson of the Senate

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4 Ownbey of the House

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6 An Act relating to unmanned aircraft systems;  
7 defining term; allowing for certain use by pipeline  
8 companies and utility companies; allowing for certain  
9 restrictions of use; providing for codification; and  
10 providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 323 of Title 3, unless there is  
14 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. As used in this section, "unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)"  
16 means any unmanned or uninhabited vehicle that is capable of either  
17 powered locomotion on the ground or powered flight in the air, or  
18 both, and that does not carry a human operator on or in the vehicle.  
19 A UAS may be remotely controlled or programmed to operate  
20 autonomously or on planned routes.

21 B. Pipeline companies and utility companies may use UAS to  
22 inspect pipelines and utility rights-of-way within the limits of  
23 their authorized rights-of-way and may operate at an altitude that  
24 provides thorough inspection of the pipelines and utility row.

1 Below two hundred (200) feet above ground level pipeline operators  
2 and utility companies may operate a UAS beyond visual line of sight  
3 provided:

4 1. The operator stays within the limits of the rights-of-way or  
5 within the property boundaries;

6 2. The operator is able to effectively and safely maintain  
7 positive control of the UAS; and

8 3. The operator yields to and remains clear of any manned  
9 aircraft in the area.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

11 Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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15 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

16 2018.

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