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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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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 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 **1-8-1. Exclusive aerial regulations.** – The state of Rhode Island shall have exclusive
6 legal authority to regulate any object capable of flying, which is remotely controlled, and flies
7 autonomously through software controlled flight plans embedded in the object's system by a
8 global position system, commonly known as unpowered aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft,
9 drones, or unmanned aircraft systems.

10 SECTION 2. 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 to the state of Rhode Island to regulate unpiloted
2 aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft, drones, and unmanned aircraft systems.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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