

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Aeronautics Act is amended by
5 adding Section 42.1 as follows:

6 (620 ILCS 5/42.1 new)

7 Sec. 42.1. Regulation of unmanned aircraft systems.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Unmanned aircraft" means a device used or intended to be
10 used for flight in the air that is operated without the
11 possibility of direct human intervention within or on the
12 device.

13 "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft and
14 its associated elements, including communication links and the
15 components that control the unmanned aircraft, that are
16 required for the safe and efficient operation of the unmanned
17 aircraft in the national airspace system.

18 (b) To the extent that State-level oversight does not
19 conflict with federal laws, rules, or regulations, the
20 regulation of an unmanned aircraft system is an exclusive power
21 and function of the State. No unit of local government,
22 including home rule unit, may enact an ordinance or resolution
23 to regulate unmanned aircraft systems. This Section is a denial

1 and limitation of home rule powers and functions under
2 subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
3 Constitution. This Section does not apply to any local
4 ordinance enacted by a municipality of more than 1,000,000
5 inhabitants.

6 (c) Nothing in this Section shall infringe or impede any
7 current right or remedy available under existing State law.

8 (d) The Department may adopt any rules that it finds
9 appropriate to address the safe and legal operation of unmanned
10 aircraft systems in this State, so that those engaged in the
11 operation of unmanned aircraft systems may so engage with the
12 least possible restriction, consistent with their safety and
13 with the safety and the rights of others, and in compliance
14 with federal rules and regulations.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.