

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Unmanned Aerial System Oversight Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The use of drones is becoming more
7 common in everyday applications both commercially and
8 privately. It is clear that increased drone use creates
9 emerging conflicts and challenges to providing guidance into
10 the safe operation of drones, while not infringing upon the
11 constitutional rights of others. It is necessary to establish a
12 task force to provide oversight and input in creating
13 comprehensive laws and rules for the operation and use of drone
14 technology within this State, subject to federal oversight and
15 regulation.

16 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

17 "Task Force" means the Unmanned Aerial System Oversight
18 Task Force.

19 "Unmanned Aerial System" or "UAS" means an unmanned aerial
20 vehicle or drone.

21 Section 15. The Unmanned Aerial System Task Force.

1 (a) There is hereby created the Unmanned Aerial System
2 Oversight Task Force to study and make recommendations for the
3 operation, usage, and regulation of Unmanned Aerial Systems,
4 commonly referred to as "drone" technology, within this State.

5 (b) Within 90 days after the effective date of this Act
6 members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor
7 and shall consist of one member from each of the following
8 agencies or interest groups:

9 (1) a member of the Division of Aeronautics of the
10 Department of Transportation, nominated by the Secretary
11 of Transportation;

12 (2) a member of the Department of State Police,
13 nominated by the Director of State Police;

14 (3) a Conservation Police officer of the Department of
15 Natural Resources, nominated by the Director of Natural
16 Resources;

17 (4) a member of the Department of Agriculture,
18 nominated by the Director of Agriculture;

19 (5) a member of the Department of Commerce and Economic
20 Opportunity, nominated by the Director of Commerce and
21 Economic Opportunity;

22 (6) a UAS technical commercial representative;

23 (7) a UAS manufacturing industry representative;

24 (8) a person nominated by the Attorney General;

25 (9) a member of the Illinois Conservation Police Lodge,
26 nominated by the president of the Lodge;

1 (10) a member of a statewide sportsmen's federation,
2 nominated by the president of the federation;

3 (11) a member of a statewide agricultural association,
4 nominated by the president of the association; and

5 (12) a member of a statewide commerce association,
6 nominated by the president or executive director of the
7 association.

8 (c) Nominations to the Task Force must be submitted to the
9 Governor within 60 days of the effective date of this Act. The
10 Governor shall make the appointments within 30 days after the
11 close of nominations. The term of the appointment shall be
12 until submission of the report of comprehensive
13 recommendations under subsection (f) of this Section. The
14 member from the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of
15 Transportation shall chair the Task Force and serve as a
16 liaison to the Governor and General Assembly. Meetings of the
17 Task Force shall be held as necessary to complete the duties of
18 the Task Force. Meetings of the Task Force shall be held in the
19 central part of the State.

20 (d) The members of the Task Force shall receive no
21 compensation for serving as members of the Task Force.

22 (e) The Task Force shall consider commercial and private
23 uses of drones, landowner and privacy rights, as well as
24 general rules and regulations for safe operation of drones, and
25 prepare comprehensive recommendations for the safe and lawful
26 operation of UAS in this State.

1 (f) The Task Force shall submit a report with
2 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later
3 than July 1, 2016.

4 Section 20. Expiration. This Act is repealed on September
5 1, 2016.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.