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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 44

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 44 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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.

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

2 "Task Force" means the Unmanned Aerial System Oversight  
3 Task Force.

4 "Unmanned Aerial System" or "UAS" means an unmanned aerial  
5 vehicle or drone.

6 Section 15. The Unmanned Aerial System Task Force.

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

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

15 (1) a member of the Division of Aeronautics of the  
16 Department of Transportation, nominated by the Secretary  
17 of Transportation;

18 (2) a member of the Department of State Police,  
19 nominated by the Director of State Police;

20 (3) a Conservation Police officer of the Department of  
21 Natural Resources, nominated by the Director of Natural  
22 Resources;

23 (4) a member of the Department of Agriculture,  
24 nominated by the Director of Agriculture;

25 (5) a member of the Department of Commerce and Economic

1 Opportunity, nominated by the Director of Commerce and  
2 Economic Opportunity;

3 (6) a UAS technical commercial representative;

4 (7) a UAS manufacturing industry representative;

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

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

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

10 (11) a member of a statewide agricultural association,  
11 nominated by the president of the association;

12 (12) a member of a statewide commerce association,  
13 nominated by the president or executive director of the  
14 association;

15 (13) a person nominated by an electric utility company  
16 serving retail customers in this State; and

17 (14) a member of the Illinois National Guard, nominated  
18 by the Adjutant General.

19 (c) Nominations to the Task Force must be submitted to the  
20 Governor within 60 days of the effective date of this Act. The  
21 Governor shall make the appointments within 30 days after the  
22 close of nominations. The term of the appointment shall be  
23 until submission of the report of comprehensive  
24 recommendations under subsection (g) of this Section. The  
25 member from the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of  
26 Transportation shall chair the Task Force and serve as a

1 liaison to the Governor and General Assembly. Meetings of the  
2 Task Force shall be held as necessary to complete the duties of  
3 the Task Force. Meetings of the Task Force shall be held in the  
4 central part of the State.

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

7 (e) The Task Force shall consider commercial and private  
8 uses of drones, landowner and privacy rights, as well as  
9 general rules and regulations for safe operation of drones, and  
10 prepare comprehensive recommendations for the safe and lawful  
11 operation of UAS in this State.

12 (f) The Department of Transportation shall provide  
13 administrative support to the Task Force.

14 (g) The Task Force shall submit a report with  
15 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later  
16 than July 1, 2016.

17 Section 20. Expiration. This Act is repealed on September  
18 1, 2016.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law."