

**SB 218 - FINAL VERSION**

2019 SESSION

19-1001  
04/10**SENATE BILL 218**

AN ACT relative to duties of the commissioner of transportation regarding air navigation facilities.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Transportation

## ANALYSIS

This bill inserts definitions of small unmanned aircraft and small unmanned aircraft system into the New Hampshire Aeronautics Act and authorizes the commissioner of the department of transportation to regulate small unmanned aircraft systems.

This bill is a request of the department of transportation.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 New Paragraphs; New Hampshire Aeronautics Act; Definitions. Amend RSA 422:3 by inserting after paragraph XXVII the following new paragraphs:

XXVII-a. "Small unmanned aircraft" means an unmanned aircraft weighing less than 55 pounds, including everything onboard or attached to the aircraft, which can be flown without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

XXVII-b. "Small unmanned aircraft system" means a small unmanned aircraft and its associated elements, including communication links and the components that control the small unmanned aircraft, that are required for the safe and efficient operation of the small unmanned aircraft.

2 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Aeronautics Act; Definitions. Amend RSA 422:3 by inserting after paragraph XXIX the following new paragraph:

XXX. "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

3 New Hampshire Aeronautics Act; Duties of Commissioner. Amend RSA 422:4, VI to read as follows:

VI. Effecting uniformity in the regulations pertaining to the operation of aircraft by adopting uniform rules consistent with federal regulations and making noncompliance with federal regulations a violation of state law, thereby enabling the law enforcement agencies of the state to enforce the laws regulating the operation of aircraft. For the purposes of this paragraph, aircraft shall include ultralight

vehicles as defined in 14 C.F.R. part 103 **and small unmanned aircraft systems as defined in 14 C.F.R. parts 101 and 107 and in RSA 422:3.**

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

VETOED July 10, 2019

Veto Sustained September 19, 2019