
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 687 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, SCHWANK AND KEARNEY,
MAY 31, 2019

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 31, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in preemptions, further providing for
3 local regulation of unmanned aircraft prohibited.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 305(b) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes, added October 12, 2018 (P.L.516, No.78),
8 is amended to read:

9 § 305. Local regulation of unmanned aircraft prohibited.

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11 (b) Municipal use and property.--Nothing under this section
12 or 18 Pa.C.S. § 3505 shall prohibit a municipality from:

13 (1) regulating the operation, control, retrieval or launch
14 of an unmanned aircraft of any size, design or specification on
15 or from municipal land, water or structures. Nothing in this
16 paragraph shall be construed to limit Federal, State or local
17 governmental response to fire, rescue, police or other emergency
18 matters or the engagement by those entities in any legitimate

1 governmental function; or

2 (2) using unmanned aircraft within the boundaries of the

3 municipality for municipal purposes, including excepted

4 activities under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3505(c) and (d) when undertaken by

5 municipal employees or agents, and regulating that use.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.