

Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 189

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-290.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 290.5. "Unmanned aerial vehicle", for purposes of IC 14-22-6-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-31.5-2-342.3.**

SECTION 2. IC 14-22-6-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2017, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 16. (a) This section does not apply to the following:

- (1) The department or the department's designee.
- (2) Employees or agents of a governmental entity while performing official duties.
- (3) Employees or agents of an educational or research institution acting for bona fide educational or scientific purposes.
- (4) Use of an unmanned aerial vehicle to assist, provide care for, or provide veterinary treatment to a specific wild animal.
- (5) Use of an unmanned aerial vehicle to monitor areas of agricultural production or to monitor nuisance wild animals.

(b) As used in this section, "take" means to:

- (1) kill, shoot, spear, harm, catch for the purpose of killing, trap for the purpose of killing, or pursue for the purpose of killing a

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wild animal; or

(2) attempt to engage in conduct under subdivision (1).

(c) During the period:

(1) beginning fourteen (14) days before the hunting season for a particular wild animal species; and

(2) ending upon the expiration of legal hunting hours on the last day of the hunting season;

a person may not knowingly use an unmanned aerial vehicle ~~(as defined by IC 35-31.5-2-342.3)~~ to search for, scout, locate, or detect a wild animal to which the hunting season applies as an aid to take the wild animal.

**(d) A person may legally operate an unmanned aerial vehicle with infrared abilities to locate and recover a legally taken wild animal. This subsection does not authorize a person to:**

**(1) enter the property of another person; or**

**(2) recover an animal from the property of another person; without the permission of the landowner.**



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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