

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2308**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to unmanned aerial vehicles in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John C. Velis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2308) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to unmanned aerial vehicles in the Commonwealth. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to unmanned aerial vehicles in the Commonwealth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 official edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3           Section 63(a). As used in this section the following terms shall, unless the context clearly  
4 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

5           “Drone,” shall mean an unmanned aircraft which is operated remotely without the  
6 possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

7           “Restricted space,” shall mean an airspace within five miles of an airport or as designated  
8 by general or special law.

9           (b) During the personal use of such drone, except as otherwise provided by federal law  
10 operates a drone, a person shall not operate said drone: (i) more than four hundred feet above  
11 ground level; (ii) weighing more than ten pounds; (iii) without a visual line of sight of such

- 12 drone; (iv) within a restricted airspace; (v) in a reckless manner wherein such operation creates a
- 13 risk of harm to the public; or (vi) with the intent to harass or annoy an individual or individuals.