

SB 49-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL ***49-FN***

AN ACT relative to the unlawful operation or use of unmanned aircraft systems.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Rep. Roy, Rock. 31

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the version of the federal regulation with which operators of small unmanned aircraft systems must comply.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the unlawful operation or use of unmanned aircraft systems.

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

1 1 Unlawful Operation or Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft System. Amend RSA 644:23, II to
2 read as follows:

3 II. A person is guilty of a violation for a first offense, and a misdemeanor for a second or
4 subsequent offense, if such person operates a small unmanned aircraft system in violation of laws
5 and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), ~~[including but not limited to]~~
6 ***specifically*** 14 C.F.R. part 107, ***as of July 24, 2025.***

7 2 Unlawful Operation or Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft System. Amend RSA 644:23, III(a) to
8 read as follows:

9 (a) Comply with FAA Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Rule, 14 C.F.R. part 107, ***as of***
10 ***July 24, 2025;***

11 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 49-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2025-3024h)**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association