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Introduced by Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Toll of Danville, and
Masland of Thetford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Aeronautics; unmanned aircraft

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a
person from flying an unmanned aircraft for hobby or recreational purposes at
an altitude of less than 100 feet above privately owned real property without
the written consent of the property owner. The bill also requires persons
engaged in the business of selling unmanned aircraft to notify purchasers about
the 100-foot minimum altitude requirement.

An act relating to flying an unmanned aircraft for hobby or recreational
purposes at an altitude of less than 100 feet above privately owned real
property

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 5 V.S.A. § 429 is added to read:

§ 429. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT; MINIMUM ALTITUDE FOR
OPERATION

(a)(1) No person shall fly an unmanned aircraft for hobby or recreational
purposes at an altitude of less than 100 feet above privately owned real

1 property unless the person has obtained prior written consent from the property
2 owner.

3 (2) A person engaged in the business of selling unmanned aircraft shall
4 provide written notice to each purchaser of an unmanned aircraft system
5 required to be registered by the U.S. Department of Transportation that
6 Vermont law prohibits flying an unmanned aircraft for hobby or recreational
7 purposes at an altitude of less than 100 feet above privately owned real
8 property unless the person has obtained prior written consent from the property
9 owner.

10 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be assessed a
11 civil penalty of not more than:

12 (1) \$50.00 for a first violation; or

13 (2) \$250.00 for a second or subsequent violation.

14 (c) As used in this section:

15 (1) "Property owner" means a person who owns, leases, licenses, or
16 otherwise controls ownership or use of land, or an employee or agent of that
17 person.

18 (2) "Unmanned aircraft" is an aircraft that is:

19 (A) operated without the possibility of direct human intervention
20 from within or on the aircraft;

21 (B) capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere; and

