

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**LCB File No. R016-16**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, Section 22 of Assembly Bill No. 239, chapter 327, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1776 (NRS 493.118).

A REGULATION relating to unmanned aerial vehicles; prescribing the public purposes for which a public agency may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle that is registered with the Department of Public Safety; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law provides that a public agency in this State may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle only if the agency registers the unmanned aerial vehicle with the Department of Public Safety and operates the unmanned aerial vehicle in accordance with any regulations adopted by the Department. (Section 21 of Assembly Bill No. 239, chapter 327, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1776 (NRS 493.115)) Existing law requires the Department to: (1) prescribe the public purposes for which a public agency may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle that is registered with the Department; (2) establish and maintain, to the extent money is available for this purpose, a registry of unmanned aerial vehicles that are operated by public agencies in this State; and (3) include on its Internet website the information contained in the registry. (Section 22 of Assembly Bill No. 239, chapter 327, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1776 (NRS 493.118)) This regulation prescribes the public purposes for which a public agency may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle that is registered with the Department.

**Section 1.** Chapter 493 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*A public agency which has registered an unmanned aerial vehicle with the Department of Public Safety in accordance with section 22 of Assembly Bill No. 239, chapter 327, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1776 (NRS 493.118), may operate the unmanned aerial vehicle for one or more of the following public purposes:*

1. *Fire services;*
2. *Emergency medical services;*
3. *Protection of a critical facility that is public property;*
4. *Search and rescue operations;*
5. *Preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters;*
6. *Communications relay and delivery;*
7. *Surveying and mapping;*
8. *Inspection of public land and infrastructure;*
9. *Inspection and testing of hazardous materials;*
10. *Inspection and evaluation of natural resources;*
11. *Inspection and evaluation of wildlife;*
12. *Inspection and evaluation of agricultural and environmental conditions;*
13. *Training of employees of a public agency;*
14. *Research and development of unmanned aerial vehicles;*
15. *Maintenance and testing of unmanned aerial vehicles;*
16. *Air quality testing; and*
17. *Evaluation of meteorological conditions.*