

# Unmanned Aircraft Systems in NORTH CAROLINA



## NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES

### Session Law 2014-100

Updated in Session Law 2015-232

While this is a summary of Session Law 2014-100 & 2015-232 relating to UAS operations, other General Statutes apply to UAS operations within North Carolina.



**Surveillance:** It is illegal to use UAS to take or distribute images of a person or their home without their consent. (NC GS § 15A-300.1 and NC GS § 14-401.25)



**Special Imaging:** Special imaging technology can only be used for specific missions including, but not limited to, scientific research, surveying, and agricultural uses. (NC GS § 15A-300.1 and NC GS § 14-401.25)



**Weapons:** Attaching a weapon to a UAS is a class E felony. (NC GS § 14-401.24)



**Hunting and Fishing:** You may not use a UAS to disrupt wildlife resources or the lawful taking of wildlife. It is also against the law in NC to use a UAS in the process of taking wildlife resources. (NC GS § 14-280.3)



**Interference with Manned Flights:** You may not damage, disrupt the operation of, or otherwise interfere with manned flights. (NC GS § 14-280.3)



**Launch/Recovery Sites:** It is illegal to launch or recover your UAS from either private or public property without explicit consent of the property's owner. (NC GS § 15A-300.2)



**Knowledge Test:** To fly in North Carolina, you must pass the NCDOT's UAS Knowledge Test to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you. (NC GS § 63-95)



**Permit:** With the passing of the Knowledge Test as a prerequisite, commercial operators may request an NC UAS permit from the NCDOT Aviation Division. (NC GS § 63-96)

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