

By: Senator(s) Parks, Michel

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2569

1 AN ACT TO PREEMPT THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO  
2 REGULATE THE TESTING OR OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FOR  
3 BUSINESS PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) In this section, the following words have  
6 the meanings indicated:

7 (a) "Unmanned aircraft" means the flying portion of an  
8 unmanned aircraft system, flown by a pilot via a ground control  
9 system, or autonomously through use of an onboard computer, a  
10 communication link, and any additional equipment that is necessary  
11 for the unmanned aircraft to operate safely.

12 (b) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned  
13 aircraft and all the associated support equipment, control  
14 stations, data links, telemetry, communications and navigation  
15 equipment, and other equipment necessary to operate the unmanned  
16 aircraft.

17 (2) Only the State of Mississippi may enact a law or take  
18 any other action to prohibit, restrict or regulate the



19 testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems in the state for  
20 business purposes.

21 (3) Subsection (2) of this section:

22 (a) Preempts the authority of a county or municipality  
23 to prohibit, restrict or regulate the testing or operation of  
24 unmanned aircraft for business purposes; and

25 (b) Supersedes any existing law or ordinance of a  
26 county or municipality that prohibits, restricts or regulates the  
27 testing or operation of unmanned aircraft for business purposes.

28 (4) This section does not affect federal preemption of state  
29 law.

30 (5) This section does not apply to the prohibition,  
31 restriction or regulation of the testing or operation of unmanned  
32 aircraft for personal purposes.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2018.

