

HOUSE No. 3800

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marcus S. Vaughn

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating drones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3800) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to regulating drones. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act regulating drones.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting, after section 39G, the following:-

3 Section 39H. For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the
4 following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5 “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle”, “UAV”, or “drone” shall mean a powered aerial vehicle
6 that: (i) does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human
7 intervention from within or on the aircraft; (ii) uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;
8 (iii) can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; (iv) can be expendable or recoverable; and (v.)
9 weighs less than 55lbs.

10 “Chinese state-owned company” shall mean any corporation, business, association,
11 partnership, venture, limited liability company, or other entity or business association owned
12 fully or in part by, or affiliated with, the government of China.

13 Section 39I. Acquisition of unmanned aerial vehicles

14 Chinese state-owned companies shall not be authorized to sell or distribute unmanned

15 aerial vehicles or drones in the Commonwealth.