

## **Article - Economic Development**

§14–302.

(a) The Department and the Department of Transportation, including the Maryland Aviation Administration, shall:

(1) monitor the Federal Aviation Administration for any proposed regulations or rulemaking that relate to the regulation of the operation of small commercial unmanned aircraft systems;

(2) determine the impact of any proposed regulations or rulemaking on the State; and

(3) determine whether it is in the public interest for the State to consider statewide legislation relating to the regulation of the operation of unmanned aircraft systems.

(b) In determining the findings under subsection (a) of this section, the Department and the Department of Transportation, including the Maryland Aviation Administration, shall consult with:

(1) the University of Maryland, in its role as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership;

(2) county and municipal governments; and

(3) other interested parties that the Department or the Department of Transportation, including the Maryland Aviation Administration, determine appropriate.

(c) If the Department and the Department of Transportation, including the Maryland Aviation Administration, determine that any proposed regulations or rulemaking that relate to the regulation of the operation of small commercial unmanned aircraft have been or are likely to be adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration, as soon as practicably possible, the Department and the Department of Transportation, including the Maryland Aviation Administration, shall report any findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.