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Chapter No.: 104

Prime Sponsor: Dockstader

Catch Title: **Vertical takeoff and landing aircraft-regulation.**

Subject: Vertical takeoff and landing aircraft.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill provides provisions related to vertical takeoff and landing aircraft. A vertical takeoff and landing vehicle is a piloted or autonomous aircraft or unmanned aircraft capable of vertical takeoff, vertical landing and transfer to forward motion.
- This bill permits the Aeronautics Commission to provide assistance to communities in studying vertical takeoff and landing aircraft profitability.
- This bill requires the Aeronautics Commission to promulgate rules governing where vertical takeoff and landing aircraft may take off and land. The Aeronautics Commission may also promulgate rules governing the operation of vertical takeoff and landing aircraft unless prohibited by, or previously provided for, in federal law. The Commission may not regulate the operation of vertical takeoff and landing aircraft in navigable airspace.
- This bill authorizes the Aeronautics Commission to conduct investigations, inquiries and hearings regarding accidents or injuries arising from the operation of vertical takeoff and landing aircraft.
- This bill incorporates vertical takeoff and landing aircraft into provisions concerning the legality of low or dangerous flight and landing without consent on another's land.
- This bill provides that flying vertical takeoff and landing aircraft over one's own property is generally lawful.
- This bill authorizes the Wyoming Department of Transportation to seek federal and other funding assistance related to vertical takeoff and landing aircraft.

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- This bill requires the Aeronautics Commission to coordinate with the Wyoming Business Council and political subdivisions of the state to market and advocate for vertical takeoff and landing aircraft innovation, technology development, testing, manufacturing and production in Wyoming.

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