

Definitions of terms in the Special Rule for Model Aircraft:

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Public Law 112-95, Section 336 is titled "The Special Rule for Model Aircraft".

Section 336 defines a model aircraft as an unmanned aircraft that is:

1. Capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere
2. Flown within visual line-of-sight of the person operating the aircraft
3. Flown for hobby or recreational purposes

Hobby or recreational use:

Flying your drone for fun or amusement.

Commercial use:

Flying your drone with the intent of generating monetary profit for your business, or to promote your services as a professional drone operator.

This includes sharing promotional drone footage or photos via digital channels for free.

Visual line-of-sight:

While flying your drone you must be able to see it at all times using only your natural vision (which includes glasses and contacts, but not first person view goggles or binoculars).

Nationwide Community-based Organization:

A membership-based group that represents the aero-modeling community and provides a comprehensive set of safety guidelines emphasizing safe operations. Drone pilots flying under Section 336 must also follow modeling club rules for activities such as flying over people and flying at night.