Drone laws and regulations

Picture this: you’ve just bought your drone and got your standard Pennsylvania drone license, but you want to fly in another state for a trip. If you want to do this, you have to get a whole other license for that state. It's just too complicated. If the U.S. had just one standard drone license, it would make drones and their regulations so much easier for everyone. All of the states in the US have different laws on drones and all require their own license. What I'm proposing is that every state has the same laws, requiring only one license for the country. This would make the use of drones easier for the common person (who is only using their drone simply as a hobby). This would also help people who use drones as part of a career . The government also has to do piles of paperwork for every drone issue that happens in each state. Having one standard group of laws will simplify drone usage for hobbyists, those who use a drone for a living, and for the government.

The most common drone owner is a simple hobbyist but because of the too-complicated drone laws and regulations, they don't know what to do to get their drones registered. The hobbyist got a drone because they find it fun and enjoyable to fly and play with. They don’t want to have to worry about a license for something that is only a hobby. If you don't get your drone registered, then you can get into serious trouble. Also if the hobbyist travels to another state and they want to fly their drone, then currently they'll have to register their drone in that state which is just too much of a hassle to do(Meola). If all of the US states had one license to fly by, then it would be simpler for the hobbyist. They could simply go online to register their drone, then pay a small fee, and print out a paper form that says their drone is good to fly. The process currently is different for each state in the US but all require some form a payment, too, which can add up to a traveling drone hobbyist. If the process to register a drone would become simple, then the hobbyist wouldn't have to worry about their drone other than how to fly it(Unmanned).

The rest of drone owners in America are people who use drones for a job and make money doing so. This ranges from relasteate agents using them to get pictures of homes all the way to people who take amazing aerial photographs. These occupations that require the use of drones can be difficult because for every state that they travel to requires them to get a new license to fly(Drone). If every state had the same laws on drones and their licenses then it would be easier for those traveling drone flyers. The licenses for hobbyists and professional flyers are different because of the reasons that each drone is flying. It has to be this way because it depends on if the flyer is making money doing so. For those traveling flyers that have to get a new license in each state, the costs can be very extreme ranging anywhere from 25 dollars to 55 dollars per state(Popper). If there was just one license for the country then the cost would be higher than 55 dollars and they would have to take a more in-depth test on drones and their laws before getting their license. These would be necessary requirements because the license there getting would give them access to fly wherever in the country so it makes sense for it to be more. This would make everything easier for the drone flyers but also the government at the same time(Fisher).

For every person that applies to get their drone license, the paperwork goes though that state’s own special drone license division (it's like a much smaller DMV). This whole process is different for each state, and some states do it by city too. This can become overwhelming and too much for some with different kind of drone license. If there was just one license for the country then it would reduce the amount of work and make the process streamlined for the owners and the government, too. The average state department for drones receives about 75-150 applications for a drone license every week(Fisher). This can pile up for some departments because it's anywhere from only 2 workers too 22 workers. And in some states it's not even a department. If we made it a singular system for the country then we would only need one department for the country and it would be a whole lot easier to manage applications. Although the problem of someone getting in trouble for flying their drone where they shouldn't out of their state hasn't come up yet, it is completely possible. If this problem occurs, then it's a massive issue between the states because of their own licenses. If there was just one license for the country then we wouldn't run into this problem., If we change it to all be the same then it would put some order in the government with at least one division(Meola).

Even though each state currently has their own drone laws and regulations there is a licensing system that is nationwide standard. This system is insured by the FAA but not completely approved by everyone(Unmanned). The system in place currently is a working one that is stable but it has flaws. This system is also only approved in 36 states in the US (Fisher). So if you want to fly in a state that doesn’t approve of this system then you have to get this state's own license. This system is not a horrible one but it needs to be changed and largely improved. Just about everything in this world can be improved and this drone law and licensing system is one that needs improvement(Drone).

If there was one group of drone laws and licenses for the country then it would be easier for hobbyists, professional flyers, and the government to manage. This is from paper work all the way to drone license requests. The standard use of drones in the US currently is very difficult due to the fact that you have to have a license to fly. The system is a working one currently but it can be improved by a lot if the the laws all become the same. This same thinking can be applied to people who fly drones for a living. Even though there is a system in place currently in the US, the system has many flaws. For one it can be confusing for people who just want to fly drones for fun. Two it has to many variations from state to state that can also confusion. And three simplifying the process and making one system standard will make drones simpur for everyone. The view on drones will never be the same everywhere but we can make it better by making the laws and licenses on them simpular.