2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(A) and (E), relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned
aircraft system; to provide relative to the forfeiture of an unmanned aircraft system;
and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 14:337(A) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
follows:
§337. Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system
A. (1) Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system is either of the
following:
(1) (a) The intentional use of an unmanned aircraft system to conduct
surveillance of, gather evidence or collect information about, or photographically or
electronically record a targeted facility without the prior written consent of the owner
of the targeted facility.
(2) (b) The intentional use of an unmanned aircraft system over the grounds
of a the governor's mansion, state or local jail, prison, or other correctional facility
that incarcerates or detains juveniles or adults accused of, convicted of, sentenced
for, or adjudicated delinquent for violations of criminal law without the express
written consent of the person in charge of that state building, state or local jail,
prison, or other correctional facility.
(2) The unmanned aircraft system shall be seized by a law enforcement
officer in the course of arrest or issuance of summons or shall be seized by order of
court pursuant to other provisions of law.
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E.(1) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft
system as provided in Paragraph Subparagraph (A)(1)(a) of this Section shall be

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1	fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six
2	months, or both.
3	(2) On a conviction for a second or subsequent offense as provided in
4	Paragraph Subparagraph (A)(1)(a) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not less
5	than five hundred dollars nor more than four thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with
6	or without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than two years, or both.
7	In addition to the sentence imposed pursuant to this Paragraph, the court shall order
8	the forfeiture of the unmanned aircraft system used in connection with the offense
9	and provide for the destruction, sale, or other disposition of the unmanned aircraft
10	system.
11	(3) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft
12	system as provided in Paragraph Subparagraph (A) (2) (1)(b) of this Section shall be
13	fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six
14	months, or both.
15	(4) On a conviction for a second or subsequent offense as provided in
16	Paragraph Subparagraph (A)(2)(1)(b) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not
17	less than two thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned,
18	with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.
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