

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 635

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CRIME: Adds the use of unmanned aircraft systems as elements of certain crimes involving the invasion of privacy

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:283(A)(1), 283.1(A), and 284(B) and to enact R.S.  
3 14:283(G), 283.1(C), and 284(D), relative to crimes affecting public morals; to  
4 amend crimes involving the observation and invasion of privacy of another to  
5 include the use of unmanned aircraft systems; to define unmanned aircraft systems;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:283(A)(1), 283.1(A), and 284(B) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted and R.S. 14:283(G), 283.1(C), and 284(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §283. Video voyeurism; penalties

11 A. Video voyeurism is:

12 (1) The use of any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric,  
13 unmanned aircraft system, or any other image recording device for the purpose of  
14 observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping a person where that  
15 person has not consented to the observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or  
16 videotaping and it is for a lewd or lascivious purpose; or

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18 G. For purposes of this Section, "unmanned aircraft system" means an  
19 unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be  
20 autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

1 §283.1. Voyeurism; penalties

2 A. Voyeurism is the viewing, observing, spying upon, or invading the  
3 privacy of a person by looking or using an unmanned aircraft system to look through  
4 the doors, windows, or other openings of a private residence without the consent of  
5 the victim who has a reasonable expectation of privacy for the purpose of arousing  
6 or gratifying the sexual desires of the offender.

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8 C. For purposes of this Section, "unmanned aircraft system" means an  
9 unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be  
10 autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

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12 §284. Peeping Tom; penalties

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14 B. "Peeping Tom" as used in this Section means one who peeps through  
15 windows or doors, or other like places, situated on or about the premises of another  
16 or uses an unmanned aircraft system for the purpose of spying upon or invading the  
17 privacy of persons spied upon without the consent of the persons spied upon. It is  
18 not a necessary element of this offense that the "Peeping Tom" be upon the premises  
19 of the person being spied upon.

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21 D. For purposes of this Section, "unmanned aircraft system" means an  
22 unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be  
23 autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Amends crimes involving uninvited observation or invasion of privacy to include the use of drones.

Present law provides for the crimes of video voyeurism, voyeurism, and peeping Tom. All of the crimes involve the uninvited observation of another for lewd or lascivious purposes.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and includes the use of unmanned aircraft systems as an element of each crime.

Proposed law defines an "unmanned aircraft system" as an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

(Amends R.S. 14:283(A)(1), 283.1(A), and 284(B); Adds R.S. 14:283(G), 283.1(C), and 284(D))