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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to corrections; prohibiting the flying of unmanned aerial vehicles over  
1.3 state correctional facilities; providing for criminal penalties; proposing coding for  
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 243.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[243.552] UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE PROHIBITION.**

1.7 (a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly flies an unmanned aerial vehicle  
1.8 in the airspace over a state correctional facility or over the grounds belonging to or land  
1.9 controlled by the facility without the consent of the commissioner of corrections or designee.

1.10 (b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who flies an unmanned aerial vehicle in  
1.11 the airspace over a state correctional facility or over the grounds belonging to or land  
1.12 controlled by the facility to:

1.13 (1) record images, including but not limited to video and photographs, of the correctional  
1.14 facility or its grounds; or

1.15 (2) introduce or attempt to introduce any items that are not contraband under section  
1.16 243.55.

1.17 (c) For the purposes of this section, an "unmanned aerial vehicle" means an aircraft that  
1.18 is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and applies to crimes  
1.20 committed on or after that date.