

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(A) and (E), relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned
3 aircraft system; to provide relative to the forfeiture of an unmanned aircraft system;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:337(A) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §337. Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system

9 A.(1) Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system is either of the
10 following:

11 ~~(1)~~ (a) The intentional use of an unmanned aircraft system to conduct
12 surveillance of, gather evidence or collect information about, or photographically or
13 electronically record a targeted facility without the prior written consent of the owner
14 of the targeted facility.

15 ~~(2)~~ (b) The intentional use of an unmanned aircraft system over the grounds
16 of a the governor's mansion, state or local jail, prison, or other correctional facility
17 that incarcerates or detains juveniles or adults accused of, convicted of, sentenced
18 for, or adjudicated delinquent for violations of criminal law without the express
19 written consent of the person in charge of that state building, state or local jail,
20 prison, or other correctional facility.

21 (2) The unmanned aircraft system shall be seized by a law enforcement
22 officer in the course of arrest or issuance of summons or shall be seized by order of
23 court pursuant to other provisions of law.

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25 E.(1) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft
26 system as provided in ~~Paragraph~~ Subparagraph (A)(1)(a) of this Section shall be

fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) On a conviction for a second or subsequent offense as provided in ~~Paragraph~~ Subparagraph (A)(1)(a) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than four thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than two years, or both. In addition to the sentence imposed pursuant to this Paragraph, the court shall order the forfeiture of the unmanned aircraft system used in connection with the offense and provide for the destruction, sale, or other disposition of the unmanned aircraft system.

(3) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system as provided in Paragraph Subparagraph (A)(2) (1)(b) of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(4) On a conviction for a second or subsequent offense as provided in ~~Paragraph~~ Subparagraph (A)(2) (1)(b) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____