
DIGEST

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HB 265 Engrossed

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Brass

Abstract: Provides for increased penalties for unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system.

Present law provides for the meaning of target facility.

Proposed law adds critical infrastructure, grain elevator, and grain storage facilities to what is meant by targeted facilities.

Present law (R.S. 14:337(A)(1)) prohibits the 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.

Present law provides that the penalty for a first conviction of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system is a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

Present law provides that the penalty for a second or subsequent conviction of an unmanned aircraft system is a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$2,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than six months nor more than one year, or both.

Proposed law increases the penalty for second and subsequent convictions to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than six months and not more than two years, or both.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 14:337(E)(2); Adds R.S. 14:337(B)(3)(e) and (f))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes to the citations.
2. Add critical infrastructure, grain elevators, and grain storage facilities to the meaning of targeted facility.
3. Reinstate present law penalties for a first offense.
4. Change penalties for a second or subsequent offense.