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SB 9 Engrossed

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Present law defines and prohibits operating an "unmanned aircraft system" (UAS) over certain areas without prior written authorization.

Proposed law retains present law and defines and adds "federal or state military installations or facilities" to the list of places over which operating a UAS is prohibited without prior written authorization.

Present law provides penalties for operating a UAS over certain areas without prior written authorization.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that operating a UAS over federal or state military installations or facilities without prior written authorization will be punished by a fine between \$2,000 and \$5,000 and imprisonment at hard labor for up to five years. Proposed law further provides for forfeiture and disposal of the UAS.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(intro para) and (B)(4); adds R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(c), (B)(5), and (E)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Change the penalty from a fine of between \$2,000 and \$5,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for up to one year, or both to a fine between \$2,000 and \$5,000 and imprisonment at hard labor for up to five years.