

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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

New law retains existing 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.

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

New law retains existing 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. New 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))