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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works  
to Original House Bill No. 587 by Representative Robert OwenAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "enact" and before "and R.S. 2:2.1" change "R.S. 2:2(A)(3) and (4)"  
to "R.S. 2:2(B)(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "reenacted and" change "R.S. 2:2(A)(3) and" to "R.S. 2:2(B)(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 8, delete "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 15, after "local" delete "government except as" and insert in lieu thereof  
"government. Nothing in this Section shall preempt the exclusive sovereignty of airspace  
of the United States as set forth in 49 U.S.C. 40103. Any interpretation or application of any  
provision of this Section that contradicts the exclusive authority of the United States  
government to regulate unmanned aircraft systems and all unmanned aerial systems shall be  
null."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, delete lines 16 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 19 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, between lines 20 and 21 insert the following:

"B. As used in this Section, the following phrases shall have the following  
meanings:

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(3) Flight by an unmanned aerial system over the lands and waters of  
Louisiana is lawful unless expressly prohibited by law.

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AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, between lines 4 and 5 insert the following:

(p) One member selected by the president of the Louisiana Senate.  
(q) One member selected by the speaker of the Louisiana House of  
Representatives.  
(r) One member from the Louisiana Flood Protection Authority appointed  
by the president of the Louisiana Flood Protection Authority.  
(s) One member from the Houma Terrebonne Airport Commission appointed  
by the chairman of the Houma Terrebonne Airport Commission.

1           (t) One member from the Pelican Chapter of the Association of Unmanned  
2 Vehicle Systems International appointed by the chairman of the Pelican Chapter of  
3 the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International.

4           (u) One member from the Fletcher Technical Community College appointed  
5 by the chancellor of the Fletcher Technical Community College."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 9

7 On page 4, delete lines 18 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

8           "F.(1) At least thirty days prior to the start of each legislative session, the  
9 committee shall issue a report about the state of the unmanned aircraft system and  
10 unmanned aerial system industry in Louisiana that includes all of the following:

- 11           (a) Any legal barriers operators face.
- 12           (b) Approximately how many operators are operating in the state.
- 13           (c) Any companies using unmanned aircraft systems and unmanned aerial  
14 systems for commercial purposes.
- 15           (d) The economic value of the industry in the state.
- 16           (e) The ranking of Louisiana in comparison to other states in terms of the  
17 development of its own industry.
- 18           (f) The actions taken by the Federal Aviation Administration over the  
19 previous year relative to unmanned aircraft systems and unmanned aerial systems.

20           (2) The committee shall examine the potential impact of drone highways for  
21 the first report.

22           G. The Louisiana Drone Advisory Committee shall by majority vote of a  
23 quorum of members present at a meeting appoint one member of the committee to  
24 serve as a liaison with the Federal Aviation Administration to address any issues  
25 with federal, state, and local laws governing unmanned aircraft systems and  
26 unmanned aerial systems."