
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system.

Present law (R.S. 14:337) provides for the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law (R.S. 14:337(B)) provides for definitions.

Proposed law retains present law and defines the terms "mitigation measures" and "nefarious manner".

Proposed law authorizes a law enforcement officer or agency to take reasonable and necessary mitigation measures against a threat posed by an unmanned aircraft system operating within this state in a nefarious manner. Further provides that such measures may include but not be limited to any of the following:

- (1) The use of detection, tracking, and identification methods.
- (2) The interception or disabling of an unmanned aircraft system through legal and safe methods, including but not limited to jamming, hacking, or physical capture.

Proposed law provides that a law enforcement officer or agency shall only act pursuant to proposed law if there is reasonable suspicion that the unmanned aircraft system is involved in criminal activity, poses an imminent threat to public safety, or is otherwise operating in violation of state or federal law.

Proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "We Will Act" Act.

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 14:337(B) and to correct any cross-references that may need to be changed as a result of this renumbering.

(Adds R.S. 14:337(B)(5) and (6) and (F))