

- (2) Prior to applying for a license, each applicant must complete an educational and safety training course conducted by the LSU AgCenter and comply with any other licensing requirements established by the commissioner by rule.

Proposed law requires that unmanned aerial systems operated in the course of an agricultural commercial operation be registered with the department.

Proposed law provides that licenses and registrations are valid for three years and may be renewed for additional three-year periods in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.

Proposed law authorizes the operation of unmanned aerial systems in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the commissioner, except as prohibited by federal law.

Proposed law authorizes private landowners engaged in agricultural commercial operations to use unmanned aerial systems within the geographical confines of their property.

Proposed law requires producers, tenants, lessees, or other contracted or hired personnel working on private property who are engaged in agricultural commercial operations and are using unmanned aerial systems within the geographical confines of the property to obtain written permission of the landowner or entity controlling the agricultural commercial use of the property.

Proposed law provides that data obtained through the use of an unmanned aerial system must be used solely in the course of conducting a generally accepted agricultural commercial operation, or in conjunction with an agricultural research, extension program, or initiative conducted by a Louisiana public postsecondary educational institution.

Proposed law requires that all data obtained through the use of an unmanned aerial system remain the property of the legal owner of the property where the data was collected, unless written approval is given by the property owner for other uses.

Proposed law provides for the following violations:

- (1) The failure or refusal to obtain an unmanned aerial system license.
- (2) The failure or refusal to register an unmanned aerial system operated in the course of an agricultural commercial operation.
- (3) Any violation of this law or of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto.
- (4) Any interference with the commissioner and the department or its representatives in the performance of their duties.
- (5) Failure to timely pay any penalties or costs.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to issue and rescind stop orders prohibiting the continued

use of an unmanned aerial system in certain circumstances.

Proposed law requires an adjudicatory hearing be held to make determinations with respect to suspected violations, provides for notice requirements, and authorizes the commissioner to impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for each violation. Each separate day on which a violation occurs is considered a separate violation.

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

(Adds R.S. 3:41-47)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Technical amendments only.