SENATE BILL NO. 9

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:337(A)(1) and (B)(4) and to
3	enact R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(c), (B)(5), and (E)(5), relative to unlawful use of an
4	unmanned aircraft system; to prohibit use of an unmanned aircraft system over
5	federal and state military installations and facilities; to provide definitions and
6	penalties; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 14:337(A)(1) and (B)(4) are hereby
9	amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(c), (B)(5), and (E)(5) are hereby enacted to
10	read as follows:
11	§337. Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system
12	A.(1) Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system is either any of the
13	following:
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15	(c) The intentional use of an unmanned aircraft system to conduct
16	surveillance of, gather evidence or collect information about, interfere with the
17	operation of, or photographically or electronically record a federal or state
18	military installation, facility, aircraft, ship, military vehicle, or weapon system
19	located therein without obtaining prior written consent from the military
20	installation or facility commander.
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22	B. As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:
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1	(4) "Federal or state military installation or facility" means either a
2	permanent military base or temporary installation where federal or state
3	military personnel conduct operations related to national or state defense or
4	security including but not limited to the staging or storage of military
5	equipment or service members, base operations or mission related activities,
6	logistical support operations, military drills or exercises, or civil support or
7	rescue services.
8	(5) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned, powered aircraft that
9	does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated,
10	and can be expendable or recoverable. "Unmanned aircraft system" does not include
11	any of the following:
12	(a) A satellite orbiting the earth.
13	(b) An unmanned aircraft system used by the federal government or a person
14	who is acting pursuant to contract with the federal government to conduct
15	surveillance of specific activities.
16	(c) An unmanned aircraft system used by the state government or a person
17	who is acting pursuant to a contract with the state government to conduct
18	surveillance of specific activities.
19	(d) An unmanned aircraft system used by a local government law
20	enforcement agency or fire department.
21	(e) An unmanned aircraft system used by a person, affiliate, employee, agent,
22	or contractor of any business which is regulated by the Louisiana Public Service
23	Commission or by a local franchising authority or the Federal Communications
24	Commission under the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act
25	of 1992 or of a municipal or public utility, while acting in the course and scope of
26	his employment or agency relating to the operation, repair, or maintenance of a
27	facility, servitude, or any property located on the immovable property which belongs
28	to such a business.
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(5) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft 2 system as provided in Subparagraph (A)(1)(c) of this Section shall be fined not 3 less than two thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned at hard labor for not more than five years. In addition to the sentence imposed pursuant to this Paragraph, the court shall order the forfeiture of the unmanned aircraft system used in connection with the offense 6 and provide for the destruction, sale, or other disposition of the unmanned 8 aircraft system. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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