

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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(4) "Federal or state military installation or facility" means either a permanent military base or temporary installation where federal or state military personnel conduct operations related to national or state defense or security including but not limited to the staging or storage of military equipment or service members, base operations or mission related activities, logistical support operations, military drills or exercises, or civil support or rescue services.

(5) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable. "Unmanned aircraft system" does not include any of the following:

(a) A satellite orbiting the earth.

(b) An unmanned aircraft system used by the federal government or a person who is acting pursuant to contract with the federal government to conduct surveillance of specific activities.

(c) An unmanned aircraft system used by the state government or a person who is acting pursuant to a contract with the state government to conduct surveillance of specific activities.

(d) An unmanned aircraft system used by a local government law enforcement agency or fire department.

(e) An unmanned aircraft system used by a person, affiliate, employee, agent, or contractor of any business which is regulated by the Louisiana Public Service Commission or by a local franchising authority or the Federal Communications Commission under the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 or of a municipal or public utility, while acting in the course and scope of his employment or agency relating to the operation, repair, or maintenance of a facility, servitude, or any property located on the immovable property which belongs to such a business.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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