

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 470

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

CRIME: Provides for penalties for unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(E)(1) and (2), relative to the crime of unlawful use of an  
3 unmanned aircraft system; to provide for increased penalties; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:337(E)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §337. Unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system

9 \* \* \*

10 E.(1) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft  
11 system as provided in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall be fined not ~~more than~~  
12 ~~five hundred dollars~~ less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand  
13 dollars, or imprisoned for not more than ~~six months~~ two years, or both.

14 (2) On a conviction for a second or subsequent offense as provided in  
15 Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, the offender shall be fined not less than ~~five~~  
16 ~~hundred~~ one thousand five hundred dollars nor more than ~~two~~ twenty thousand  
17 dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than ~~six months~~ one  
18 year nor more than ~~one year~~ five years, or both.

19 \* \* \*

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

---

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HB 470 Original

2020 Regular Session

Brass

**Abstract:** Provides for increased penalties for unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system.

Present law provides the penalty for a first conviction of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system is a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

Proposed law increases the penalty for a first conviction to a fine between \$1,000 and \$5,000, imprisonment for up to two years, or both.

Present law provides the penalty for a second or subsequent conviction of an unmanned aircraft system is a fine of between \$500 to \$2,000, imprisonment of six months to one year, or both.

Proposed law increases the penalty for second and subsequent convictions to a fine between \$1,500 and \$20,000, imprisonment of between one year and five years, or both.

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

(Amends R.S. 14:337(E)(1) and (2))