

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2368

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to unmanned aircraft; defining terms; prohibiting operation of unmanned aircraft over private agricultural property; providing exceptions; prescribing punishment for violation; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 320 of Title 3, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Agricultural property" means land which is primarily used for farming, ranching, hunting, fishing or forestry purposes; and

2. "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft without occupants that is flown by a pilot via a ground control system or autonomously through use of an onboard computer, communication links and other additional equipment necessary to operate the aircraft and includes unmanned aircraft commonly called drones.

1 B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, a person
2 shall not intentionally or knowingly operate an unmanned aircraft
3 over the private agricultural property of another.

4 C. This section shall not apply to conduct committed by:

5 1. The federal government, the state or a political subdivision
6 of the state;

7 2. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the
8 direction or on behalf of the federal government, the state or a
9 political subdivision of the state;

10 3. A law enforcement agency;

11 4. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the
12 direction or on behalf of a law enforcement agency; or

13 5. A person who has the prior written consent of the property
14 owner or legal tenant or lessee of the property.

15 D. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor,
16 punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than Five Hundred
17 Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not to
18 exceed one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.
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