

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 3132
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Request Number:	8837
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Impact:	Creates misdemeanor, and if convicted, a maximum \$500 fine for the operation of an unmanned aircraft.

Research Analysis

The Committee Substitute for HB 3132 prohibits unmanned aircrafts from flying over private agricultural property of another and creates a misdemeanor penalty with a fine of no more than \$500 or no more than one year in county jail. The measure provides several exceptions, such as for drones operated by federal, state, or local government; law enforcement; public utilities or oil and gas companies in certain instances; and commercial drone users authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure creates a misdemeanor with exceptions for the operation of an unmanned aircraft over private agricultural property. Upon conviction, an individual could face a maximum of a \$500 fine or imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed (1) one year, or both. The actual fiscal impact is contingent upon how many individuals are convicted of this crime and the length of the sentence and/or fines imposed.

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Other Considerations

None.