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Bill Analysis

SB 1489 creates a felony for any person convicted of interfering with the flight of manned aircraft using an unmanned aircraft system, while the manned aircraft is taking off, landing, in flight or otherwise in motion. Any person convicted of the newly created felony shall be subject to a term of imprisonment for not more than 2 years and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.00. The measure also prohibits a person from operating or using an unmanned aircraft with weapons or to hunt or fish with an unmanned aircraft. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall be guilty of a felony and will be subject to a term of imprisonment of not more than 2 years and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.00.

Additionally, no person may disseminate recorded images taken by a person or non-law enforcement entity using infrared or other similar thermal imaging technology attached to an unmanned aircraft. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall be guilty of a felony and will be subject to a term of imprisonment of not more than 2 years and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.00. The measure prohibits any non-law enforcement individual or entity from disseminating recorded images using infrared or other similar thermal imaging technology attached to an unmanned aircraft. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall be guilty of a felony and will be subject to a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year and/or a maximum fine of \$1,000.00.

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