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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; expanding the permitted uses of unmanned aerial vehicles  
1.3 by law enforcement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.19,  
1.4 subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Authorized use.** A law enforcement agency may use a UAV:

1.8 (1) during or in the aftermath of an emergency situation that involves the risk of death  
1.9 or bodily harm to a person, or to prevent imminent destruction of evidence;

1.10 (2) over a public event where there is a heightened risk to the safety of participants or  
1.11 bystanders;

1.12 (3) to counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the  
1.13 agency determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk;

1.14 (4) to prevent the loss of life and property in natural or man-made disasters and to  
1.15 facilitate operational planning, rescue, and recovery operations in the aftermath of these  
1.16 disasters;

1.17 (5) to conduct a threat assessment in anticipation of a specific event;

1.18 (6) to collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal  
1.19 activity;

1.20 (7) to collect information for crash reconstruction purposes after a serious or deadly  
1.21 collision occurring on a public road;

- 2.1 (8) over a public area or private area with the written consent of the occupant for officer
- 2.2 training or public relations purposes; ~~and~~
- 2.3 (9) for purposes unrelated to law enforcement at the request of a government entity
- 2.4 provided that the government entity makes the request in writing to the law enforcement
- 2.5 agency and specifies the reason for the request and proposed period of use; and
- 2.6 (10) to facilitate the search for a missing person.