

HB 1619 -- USE OF DRONES OR UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS

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This bill prohibits an employee of a state agency or political subdivision, or any other person, from using a drone or unmanned aircraft over private property to photograph, film, create an image or livestream the property without the consent of the property owner unless he or she has a search warrant or if it is a case involving state or national emergency, state or national security, or a missing person.

This bill prohibits any person from using a drone or unmanned aircraft to photograph, film, videotape, or otherwise create an image of another person without the person's consent unless he or she is providing assistance to a law enforcement agency in cases involving state or national emergency, state or national security, or a missing person.

Any person in violation of these provisions will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor unless the person who created the image distributes the image to another person or transmits the image in a manner that allows access via computer or the person who created the image disseminates or permits dissemination by any means, in which case the person will be guilty of a class E felony.