

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1667

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 2023

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1667.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1667 establishes as a fourth degree crime the operation of a drone that is equipped with a weapon.

Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, a person who operates a civilian unmanned aerial vehicle, commonly referred to as a drone, that is equipped with an anti-personnel device is guilty of a fourth degree crime. A fourth degree crime is punishable by up to 18 months imprisonment, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

The bill defines “civilian unmanned aerial vehicle” as an aerial vehicle owned or operated by a private individual or business entity that uses aerodynamic forces to propel the vehicle and does not carry a human operator, and which is capable of flying autonomously or being piloted remotely and conducting surveillance.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, this bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.