

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1326

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to unmanned aircraft; defining terms;
8 prohibiting operation of unmanned aircraft over
9 private agricultural property; providing exceptions;
10 prescribing punishment for violation; providing for
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 323 of Title 3, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. As used in this section:

17 1. "Agricultural property" means land which is primarily used
18 for farming, ranching, hunting, fishing or forestry purposes; and

19 2. "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft without occupants that
20 is flown by a pilot via a ground control system or autonomously
21 through use of an onboard computer, communication links and other
22 additional equipment necessary to operate the aircraft and includes
23 unmanned aircraft commonly called drones.

1 B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, a person
2 shall not intentionally or knowingly operate an unmanned aircraft
3 over the private agricultural property of another.

4 C. This section shall not apply to conduct committed by:

5 1. The federal government, the state or a political subdivision
6 of the state;

7 2. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the
8 direction or on behalf of the federal government, the state or a
9 political subdivision of the state;

10 3. A law enforcement agency;

11 4. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the
12 direction or on behalf of a law enforcement agency; or

13 5. A person who has the prior written consent of the property
14 owner or legal tenant or lessee of the property.

15 D. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor,
16 punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than Five Hundred
17 Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not to
18 exceed one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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