Senate Bill 581

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Increases criminal penalties for offense relating to use of unmanned aircraft system to interfere with aircraft.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to unmanned aircraft systems; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 837.374.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 837.374 is amended to read:

837.374. (1) A person commits a [Class A violation] Class A misdemeanor if the person possesses or controls an unmanned aircraft system and recklessly causes the unmanned aircraft system to:

[(1)] (a) Direct a laser at an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air; [(2)] (b) Crash into an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air; or [(3)] (c) Prevent the takeoff or landing of an aircraft.

(2) The minimum fine for violation of this section is $1,000.

(3) The minimum term of imprisonment for violation of this section is two days.

(4) In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, upon the first conviction for violation of this section, the court shall prohibit a defendant convicted under this section from operating an unmanned aircraft system for a period of one year.

(5) In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, upon the second or subsequent conviction for violation of this section, the court shall:

(a) Prohibit the defendant from operating an unmanned aircraft system for a period of five years; and

(b) At the time of sentencing, declare the unmanned aircraft system used in the offense to be contraband and order that the unmanned aircraft system be forfeited.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 837.374 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to violations of ORS 837.374 occurring on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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