

# Senate Bill 581

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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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.