House Bill 2520

Sponsored by Representatives MARSH, GRAYBER (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.

Prohibits person from recklessly, knowingly or intentionally using unmanned aircraft system to interfere with wildfire suppression, law enforcement or emergency response effort. Imposes penalties for violation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to unmanned aircraft systems; 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 if the person possesses or controls an unmanned aircraft system and recklessly causes the unmanned aircraft system to:

(a) Direct a laser at an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air;
(b) Crash into an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air; [or]
(c) Prevent the takeoff or landing of an aircraft; or
(d) Interfere with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement or emergency response effort.

(2) A person commits a Class A misdemeanor if the person possesses or controls an unmanned aircraft system and knowingly or intentionally causes the unmanned aircraft system to:

(a) Direct a laser at an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air;
(b) Crash into an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air; [or]
(c) Prevent the takeoff or landing of an aircraft; or
(d) Interfere with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement or emergency response effort.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor if the person violates subsection (1) of this section and the person has one or more convictions under subsection (1) of this section at the time of the offense.

(4) In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence the court may impose, upon a person's second or subsequent conviction under this section, the court shall, 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.

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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