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Act No. 101 (H.615). Corrections; drones

An act relating to prohibiting the use of drones near correctional facilities

This act prohibits individuals from knowingly flying drones over a correctional facility or surrounding property as long as a reasonable person would know that the property belongs to the correctional facility or the property is readily identifiable by items such as fencing or signs. A person who violates the prohibition will be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$500.00. This act does not apply to the Department of Corrections, a person operating a drone with written permission from the correction facility's supervising officer, or a person operating a drone for commercial purposes while operating under any FAA authorization, rule, or exception. The Department of Buildings and General Services, law enforcement agencies, and a public safety agency responding to an emergency may fly drones over the facility with prior notice to the facility.

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