

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 615 entitled “An act relating to “ respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
5 Sec. 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 Sec. 3. 20 V.S.A. § 4625 is added to read:

7 § 4625. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; USE OF DRONES PROHIBITED;

8 CIVIL PENALTY

9 (a) Option A: No person shall use a drone over a correctional facility.

10 (a) Option B: No person shall use a drone over or within 500 feet of a
11 correctional facility.

12 (a) Option C: No person knowingly shall use a drone over a correctional
13 facility or surrounding property that is readily recognizable to a reasonable
14 person as being correctional facility property or is reasonably identified as such
15 by fencing or appropriate signs.

16 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be assessed a
17 civil penalty of not more than \$500.00.

18 (c) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the use of a drone by:

19 (1) the Department of Corrections;

20 (2) the Department of Buildings and General Services;

21 (3) a law enforcement agency;

1 (4) a public safety agency responding to an emergency, a person
2 engaged in emergency functions or emergency management pursuant to
3 chapter 1 of this title (emergency management);

4 (5) a person operating a drone with the written consent of the
5 correctional facility’s supervising officer;

6 (6) a person operating an unmanned aircraft that is being used for a
7 commercial purpose, if the person is operating in compliance with
8 any authorization, rule or exemption granted by the Federal Aviation
9 Administration.

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