

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 3171

By: Phillips of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

An Act relating to crimes and punishments;  
prohibiting unlawful uses of drones; making violation  
a misdemeanor; providing exceptions; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Crimes and punishments

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1743 of Title 21, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No person using an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone,  
as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, shall, except as  
authorized by law:

1. Trespass onto private property or into airspace within four  
hundred (400) feet above ground level with the intent to subject  
anyone to eavesdropping or other surveillance;

2. Install on private property, without the consent of the  
owner or lessee, any device for observing, photographing, recording,  
amplifying, or broadcasting sounds or events on such property, or  
use any such unauthorized installation;

3. Intentionally use a drone to photograph, record, or  
otherwise observe another person in any place where the person has a  
reasonable expectation of privacy; or

4. Intentionally land a drone on the lands or waters that are the private property of another without the consent of the owner or lessee.

B. A person who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor. Paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section shall not apply to a drone operator operating a drone for a bona fide business or bona fide government purpose who unintentionally or incidentally photographs, records, or otherwise observes another person in a private place, nor shall it apply to a designated emergency management worker or government employee or contractor operating a drone within the scope of his or her lawful duties of employment. Paragraph 4 of subsection A of this section shall not apply to the landing of a drone required in the interest of safety or otherwise in an emergency such as to avoid collision with a person or property.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of May, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of April, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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