

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 3171 |
| Version: | Introduced |
| Request Number: | 8940 |
| Author: | Rep. Phillips |
| Date: | 3/10/2022 |
| Impact: | Creates misdemeanor; potential revenue increase |

Research Analysis

HB 3171 prohibits the unlawful uses of drones to trespass on property with intent to eavesdrop or to do surveillance in a private place; install any device without consent to observe, photograph, record, amplify or broadcast sound or events in a private place; intentionally use a drone to observe another person in a private place where the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy; or land a drone on the property of another without the owner's consent. The penalty is a misdemeanor.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, as introduced, would create a misdemeanor for the unlawful use of a drone or Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) to trespass or surveil. This provision would not apply to law enforcement agencies.

Upon review, there may be a positive fiscal impact to the state. By creating a misdemeanor, the measure may increase the amount of fine revenue received by the state. The exact impact would depend on the number and disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.