

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 HOUSE BILL 3171

By: Phillips

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

16 A. No person using an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or drone,
17 as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, may, except as
18 authorized by law:

19 1. Trespass on property with intent to subject anyone to
20 eavesdropping or other surveillance in a private place;

21 2. Install in any private place, without the consent of the
22 person or persons entitled to privacy there, any device for
23 observing, photographing, recording, amplifying, or broadcasting
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1 sounds or events in such place, or use any such unauthorized
2 installation;

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

6 4. Land a drone on the lands or waters of another resident
7 provided the resident owns the land beneath the water body in its
8 entirety without the owner's consent.

9 B. A person who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.
10 Paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection A of this act do not apply to law
11 enforcement officers, or to those acting under the direction of a
12 law enforcement officer, while engaged in the performance of the
13 officers' lawful duties. Paragraph 3 of subsection A of this act
14 does not apply to a drone operator operating a drone for bona fide
15 business or bona fide government purposes who unintentionally or
16 incidentally photographs, records, or otherwise observes another
17 person in a private place, nor does it apply to a designated
18 emergency management worker operating a drone within the scope of
19 the worker's duties.

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

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