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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3500

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8 An Act relating to unmanned aircraft; amending  
9 Section 1, Chapter 313, O.S.L. 2016 (3 O.S. Supp.  
10 2019, Section 322), which relates to critical  
11 infrastructure facilities; modifying definition of  
12 critical infrastructure facility; deleting certain  
13 height requirement; prohibiting use of certain  
14 technology; allowing for certain confiscation and  
15 forfeiture without criminal charges; providing for  
16 certain penalty; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1738,  
17 which relates to seizure and forfeiture proceedings;  
18 authorizing certain confiscation and forfeiture; and  
19 providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 313, O.S.L.  
22 2016 (3 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 322), is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 Section 322. A. As used in this section:

1. "Critical infrastructure facility" means:

- a. one of the following, if completely enclosed by a  
fence or other physical barrier that is obviously  
designed to exclude intruders, or if clearly marked

1 with a sign or signs that are posted on the property,  
2 are reasonably likely to come to the attention of  
3 intruders, and indicate that entry is forbidden or  
4 flight of unmanned aircraft without site authorization  
5 is forbidden:

6 (1) a petroleum or alumina refinery and all  
7 associated tankage. Associated tankage shall  
8 include all tankage used to store crude oil to be  
9 refined at the refinery or to store refined  
10 petroleum products which are the end products of  
11 the refining process,

12 (2) an electrical power generating facility,  
13 substation, switching station or electrical  
14 control center,

15 (3) a chemical, polymer or rubber manufacturing  
16 facility,

17 (4) a water intake structure, water treatment  
18 facility, wastewater treatment plant or pump  
19 station,

20 (5) a natural gas compressor station,

21 (6) a liquid natural gas terminal ~~or~~, a liquid  
22 natural gas storage facility, a crude oil storage  
23 facility or a condensate storage facility,

24 (7) a telecommunications central switching office,

- 1 (8) wireless telecommunications infrastructure,  
2 including cell towers,
- 3 (9) a port, railroad switching yard, trucking  
4 terminal or other freight transportation  
5 facility,
- 6 (10) a gas processing plant, including a plant used in  
7 the processing, treatment or fractionation of  
8 natural gas or natural gas liquids,
- 9 (11) a transmission facility used by a federally  
10 licensed radio or television station,
- 11 (12) a steelmaking facility that uses an electric arc  
12 furnace to make steel,
- 13 (13) a facility identified and regulated by the United  
14 States Department of Homeland Security Chemical  
15 Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS)  
16 program,
- 17 (14) a dam that is regulated by the state or federal  
18 government, ~~or~~
- 19 (15) a natural gas distribution utility facility,  
20 including, but not limited to, pipeline  
21 interconnections, a city gate or town border  
22 station, metering station, aboveground piping, a  
23 regulator station and a natural gas storage  
24 facility, or

1           b. any aboveground portion of an oil, gas, hazardous  
2           liquid or chemical pipeline that is enclosed by a  
3           fence or other physical barrier that is obviously  
4           designed to exclude intruders;

5           2. "Dam" means any barrier, including any appurtenant  
6           structures, that is constructed for the purpose of permanently or  
7           temporarily impounding water; and

8           3. "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft without occupants that  
9           is flown by a pilot via a ground control system or autonomously  
10          through use of an onboard computer and other additional equipment  
11          necessary to operate the aircraft and includes unmanned aircraft  
12          commonly called drones.

13          B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, a person  
14          shall not intentionally or knowingly:

15           1. Operate an unmanned aircraft over a critical infrastructure  
16           facility ~~if the unmanned aircraft is less than four hundred (400)~~  
17           ~~feet above ground level;~~

18           2. Allow an unmanned aircraft to make contact with a critical  
19           infrastructure facility, including any person or object on the  
20           premises of or within the facility; or

21           3. Allow an unmanned aircraft to come within a distance of a  
22           critical infrastructure facility that is close enough to interfere  
23           with the operations of or cause a disturbance to the facility; or

1        4. Allow an unmanned aircraft to take recorded images through  
2 the use of infrared or other similar thermal imaging technology that  
3 reveals individuals or activities on site or the contents of a  
4 structure located inside a critical infrastructure facility without  
5 the consent of the property owner.

6        C. This section shall not apply to conduct committed by:

7        1. The federal government, the state or a political subdivision  
8 of the state;

9        2. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the  
10 direction or on behalf of the federal government, the state or a  
11 political subdivision of the state;

12        3. A law enforcement agency;

13        4. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the  
14 direction or on behalf of a law enforcement agency;

15        5. An owner or operator of the critical infrastructure  
16 facility;

17        6. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the  
18 direction or on behalf of an owner or operator of the critical  
19 infrastructure facility;

20        7. A person who has the prior written consent of the owner or  
21 operator of the critical infrastructure facility; or

22        8. The owner or occupant of the property on which the critical  
23 infrastructure facility is located or a person who has the prior  
24 written consent of the owner or occupant of that property; ~~or~~.

1 ~~9. An operator of an unmanned aircraft that is being used for a~~  
2 ~~commercial purpose, if the operator is authorized by the Federal~~  
3 ~~Aviation Administration to conduct operations over that airspace.~~

4 D. Any person in violation of this section may be civilly  
5 liable for damages to the critical infrastructure facility to  
6 include, but not be limited to, damage to property, the environment  
7 or human health.

8 E. Any unmanned aircraft flown in violation of this section may  
9 be confiscated and forfeited to the State of Oklahoma by any law  
10 enforcement authority pursuant to Section 1738 of Title 21 of the  
11 Oklahoma Statutes. Such confiscation and forfeiture shall not  
12 require that criminal charges be filed against the person piloting  
13 the unmanned aircraft.

14 F. Any person who shall willfully fly an unmanned aircraft over  
15 property containing a critical infrastructure facility without  
16 permission by the owner of the property or lawful occupant thereof  
17 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a  
18 fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by  
19 imprisonment in the county jail for a term of six (6) months, or by  
20 both such fine and imprisonment.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1738, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1738. A. 1. Any commissioned peace officer of this  
24 state is authorized to seize any equipment, vehicle, airplane,

1 vessel or any other conveyance that is used in the commission of any  
2 armed robbery offense defined in Section 801 of this title, used to  
3 facilitate the intentional discharge of any kind of firearm in  
4 violation of Section 652 of this title, used in violation of the  
5 Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act, used in the attempt or commission  
6 of any act of burglary in the first or second degree, motor vehicle  
7 theft, unauthorized use of a vehicle, obliteration of distinguishing  
8 numbers on vehicles or criminal possession of vehicles with altered,  
9 removed or obliterated numbers as defined by Sections 1431, 1435,  
10 1716, 1719 and 1720 of this title or Sections 4-104 and 4-107 of  
11 Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, used in the commission of any  
12 arson offense defined in Section 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404 or 1405 of  
13 this title, used in any manner to facilitate or participate in the  
14 commission of any human trafficking offense in violation of Section  
15 748 of this title, or used by any defendant when such vehicle or  
16 other conveyance is used in any manner by a prostitute, pimp or  
17 panderer to facilitate or participate in the commission of any  
18 prostitution offense in violation of Sections 1028, 1029 or 1030 of  
19 this title; provided, however, that the vehicle or conveyance of a  
20 customer or anyone merely procuring the services of a prostitute  
21 shall not be included.

22       2. No conveyance used by a person as a common carrier in the  
23 transaction of business as a common carrier shall be forfeited under  
24 the provisions of this section unless it shall appear that the owner

1 or other person in charge of such conveyance was a consenting party  
2 or privy to the unlawful use of the conveyance in violation of this  
3 section.

4 3. No conveyance shall be forfeited under the provisions of  
5 this section by reason of any act or omission established by the  
6 owner thereof to have been committed or omitted without the  
7 knowledge or consent of such owner, and if the act is committed by  
8 any person other than such owner, the owner shall establish further  
9 that the conveyance was unlawfully in the possession of a person  
10 other than the owner in violation of the criminal laws of the United  
11 States or of any state.

12 B. In addition to the property described in subsection A of  
13 this section, the following property is also subject to forfeiture  
14 pursuant to this section:

15 1. Property used in the commission of theft of livestock or in  
16 any manner to facilitate the theft of livestock;

17 2. The proceeds gained from the commission of theft of  
18 livestock;

19 3. Personal property acquired with proceeds gained from the  
20 commission of theft of livestock;

21 4. All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels,  
22 and horses or dogs which are used to transport or in any manner to  
23 facilitate the transportation for the purpose of the commission of  
24 theft of livestock;



1           5. Any items having a counterfeit mark and all property that is  
2 owned by or registered to the defendant that is employed or used in  
3 connection with any violation of the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting  
4 Act;

5           6. Any weapon possessed, used or available for use in any  
6 manner during the commission of a felony within the State of  
7 Oklahoma, or any firearm that is possessed by a convicted felon;

8           7. Any police scanner used in violation of Section 1214 of this  
9 title;

10          8. Any computer and its components and peripherals, including  
11 but not limited to the central processing unit, monitor, keyboard,  
12 printers, scanners, software, and hardware, when it is used in the  
13 commission of any crime in this state;

14          9. All property used in the commission of, or in any manner to  
15 facilitate, a violation of Section 1040.12a of this title;

16          10. All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels,  
17 monies, coins and currency, or other instrumentality used or  
18 intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit a violation of  
19 paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1021 of this title, where the  
20 victim of the crime is a minor child, subsection B of Section 1021  
21 of this title, Section 1021.2 of this title, paragraph 1 of  
22 subsection A of Section 1111 of this title, or paragraphs 2 and 3 of  
23 subsection A of Section 1123 of this title;

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1 11. All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels,  
2 monies, coins and currency, or other instrumentality used in any  
3 manner or part, to commit any violation of the provisions set forth  
4 in Section 748 of this title;

5 12. Any and all property used in any manner or part to  
6 facilitate, participate or further the commission of a human  
7 trafficking offense in violation of Section 748 of this title, and  
8 all property, including monies, real estate, or any other tangible  
9 assets or property of or derived from or used by a prostitute, pimp  
10 or panderer in any manner or part to facilitate, participate or  
11 further the commission of any prostitution offense in violation of  
12 Sections 1028, 1029 or 1030 of this title; provided, however, any  
13 monies, real estate or any other tangible asset or property of a  
14 customer or anyone merely procuring the services of a prostitute  
15 shall not be included; ~~and~~

16 13. Any vehicle, airplane, vessel, or parts of a vehicle whose  
17 numbers have been removed, altered or obliterated so as to prevent  
18 determination of the true identity or ownership of said property and  
19 parts of vehicles which probable cause indicates are stolen but  
20 whose true ownership cannot be determined; and

21 14. Any unmanned aircraft flown in violation of Section 322 of  
22 Title 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

23 C. Property described in subsection A or B of this section may  
24 be held as evidence until a forfeiture has been declared or a

1 release ordered. Forfeiture actions under this section may be  
2 brought by the district attorney in the proper county of venue as  
3 petitioner; provided, in the event the district attorney elects not  
4 to file such action, or fails to file such action within ninety (90)  
5 days of the date of the seizure of such equipment, the property  
6 shall be returned to the owner.

7 D. Notice of seizure and intended forfeiture proceeding shall  
8 be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court for the  
9 county wherein such property is seized and shall be given all owners  
10 and parties in interest.

11 E. Notice shall be given according to one of the following  
12 methods:

13 1. Upon each owner or party in interest whose right, title, or  
14 interest is of record in the Oklahoma Tax Commission or with the  
15 county clerk for filings under the Uniform Commercial Code, served  
16 in the manner of service of process in civil cases prescribed by  
17 Section 2004 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

18 2. Upon each owner or party in interest whose name and address  
19 is known, served in the manner of service of process in civil cases  
20 prescribed by Section 2004 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

21 3. Upon all other owners, whose addresses are unknown, but who  
22 are believed to have an interest in the property by one publication  
23 in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the  
24 seizure was made.

1 F. Within sixty (60) days after the mailing or publication of  
2 the notice, the owner of the property and any other party in  
3 interest or claimant may file a verified answer and claim to the  
4 property described in the notice of seizure and of the intended  
5 forfeiture proceeding.

6 G. If at the end of sixty (60) days after the notice has been  
7 mailed or published there is no verified answer on file, the court  
8 shall hear evidence upon the fact of the unlawful use and may order  
9 the property forfeited to the state, if such fact is proven.

10 H. If a verified answer is filed, the forfeiture proceeding  
11 shall be set for hearing.

12 I. At the hearing the petitioner shall prove by clear and  
13 convincing evidence that property was used in the attempt or  
14 commission of an act specified in subsection A of this section or is  
15 property described in subsection B of this section with knowledge by  
16 the owner of the property.

17 J. The claimant of any right, title, or interest in the  
18 property may prove the lien, mortgage, or conditional sales contract  
19 to be bona fide and that the right, title, or interest created by  
20 the document was created without any knowledge or reason to believe  
21 that the property was being, or was to be, used for the purpose  
22 charged.

23 K. In the event of such proof, the court may order the property  
24 released to the bona fide or innocent owner, lien holder, mortgagee,

1 or vendor if the amount due such person is equal to, or in excess  
2 of, the value of the property as of the date of the seizure, it  
3 being the intention of this section to forfeit only the right,  
4 title, or interest of the purchaser, except for items bearing a  
5 counterfeit mark or used exclusively to manufacture a counterfeit  
6 mark.

7 L. If the amount due to such person is less than the value of  
8 the property, or if no bona fide claim is established, the property  
9 may be forfeited to the state and may be sold pursuant to judgment  
10 of the court, as on sale upon execution, and as provided in Section  
11 2-508 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except as otherwise  
12 provided for by law and for property bearing a counterfeit mark  
13 which shall be destroyed.

14 M. Property taken or detained pursuant to this section shall  
15 not be repleviable, but shall be deemed to be in the custody of the  
16 petitioner or in the custody of the law enforcement agency as  
17 provided in the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act. Except for  
18 property required to be destroyed pursuant to the Trademark Anti-  
19 Counterfeiting Act, the petitioner shall release said property to  
20 the owner of the property if it is determined that the owner had no  
21 knowledge of the illegal use of the property or if there is  
22 insufficient evidence to sustain the burden of showing illegal use  
23 of such property. If the owner of the property stipulates to the  
24 forfeiture and waives the hearing, the petitioner may determine if

1 the value of the property is equal to or less than the outstanding  
2 lien. If such lien exceeds the value of the property, the property  
3 may be released to the lien holder. Property which has not been  
4 released by the petitioner shall be subject to the orders and  
5 decrees of the court or the official having jurisdiction thereof.

6 N. The petitioner, or the law enforcement agency holding  
7 property pursuant to the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act, shall  
8 not be held civilly liable for having custody of the seized property  
9 or proceeding with a forfeiture action as provided for in this  
10 section.

11 O. Attorney fees shall not be assessed against the state or the  
12 petitioner for any actions or proceeding pursuant to Section 1701 et  
13 seq. of this title.

14 P. The proceeds of the sale of any property shall be  
15 distributed as follows, in the order indicated:

16 1. To the bona fide or innocent purchaser, conditional sales  
17 vendor, or mortgagee of the property, if any, up to the amount of  
18 such person's interest in the property, when the court declaring the  
19 forfeiture orders a distribution to such person;

20 2. To the payment of the actual reasonable expenses of  
21 preserving the property;

22 3. To the victim of the crime to compensate said victim for any  
23 loss incurred as a result of the act for which such property was  
24 forfeited; and

1           4. The balance to a revolving fund in the office of the county  
2 treasurer of the county wherein the property was seized, to be  
3 distributed as follows: one-third (1/3) to the investigating law  
4 enforcement agency; one-third (1/3) of said fund to be used and  
5 maintained as a revolving fund by the district attorney to be used  
6 to defray any lawful expenses of the office of the district  
7 attorney; and one-third (1/3) to go to the jail maintenance fund,  
8 with a yearly accounting to the board of county commissioners in  
9 whose county the fund is established. If the petitioner is not the  
10 district attorney, then the one-third (1/3) which would have been  
11 designated to that office shall be distributed to the petitioner.  
12 Monies distributed to the jail maintenance fund shall be used to pay  
13 costs for the storage of such property if such property is ordered  
14 released to a bona fide or innocent owner, lien holder, mortgagee,  
15 or vendor and if such funds are available in said fund.

16           Q. If the court finds that the property was not used in the  
17 attempt or commission of an act specified in subsection A of this  
18 section and was not property subject to forfeiture pursuant to  
19 subsection B of this section and is not property bearing a  
20 counterfeit mark, the court shall order the property released to the  
21 owner as the right, title, or interest appears on record in the Tax  
22 Commission as of the seizure.

23           R. No vehicle, airplane, or vessel used by a person as a common  
24 carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier shall be

1 forfeited pursuant to the provisions of this section unless it shall  
2 be proven that the owner or other person in charge of such  
3 conveyance was a consenting party or privy to the attempt or  
4 commission of an act specified in subsection A or B of this section.  
5 No property shall be forfeited pursuant to the provisions of this  
6 section by reason of any act or omission established by the owner  
7 thereof to have been committed or omitted without the knowledge or  
8 consent of such owner, and by any person other than such owner while  
9 such property was unlawfully in the possession of a person other  
10 than the owner in violation of the criminal laws of the United  
11 States or of any state.

12 S. Whenever any property is forfeited pursuant to this section,  
13 the district court having jurisdiction of the proceeding may order  
14 that the forfeited property may be retained for its official use by  
15 the state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency which seized  
16 the property.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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