

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1760

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to technology; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2022 (21 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section
9 1743), which relates to drones; limiting bona fide
10 government purpose to public safety agencies; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 258, O.S.L.
14 2022 (21 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1743), is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Section 1743. A. No person using an unmanned aircraft system
17 (UAS) or drone, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration,
18 shall, except as authorized by law:

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

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

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

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

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

19 C. The only authorized government drone operators in the State
20 of Oklahoma to operate a drone in a residential area are public
21 safety agencies.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
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