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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1446,
9 L.D. 2157, "An Act to Prohibit the Unauthorized Use of Drones on or over the Premises of
10 Correctional Facilities and Jails"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 14 to 23 in
12 amendment) and inserting the following:

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'1. A person is guilty of unauthorized use of a drone on or over the premises of a
14 correctional facility or jail if the person:

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A. Intentionally or knowingly flies a drone over the premises of a correctional facility
16 or jail at or below a height of 400 feet above the ground, lands a drone on the premises
17 or flies a drone from the premises. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime;

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B. Violates paragraph A and at the time of the offense has one prior conviction for
19 violating paragraph A or one prior conviction for engaging in conduct substantially
20 similar to that prohibited in paragraph A in another jurisdiction. Violation of this
21 paragraph is a Class D crime; or

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C. Violates paragraph A and at the time of the offense has more than one prior
23 conviction for violating paragraph A or more than one prior conviction for engaging in
24 conduct substantially similar to that prohibited in paragraph A in another jurisdiction.
25 Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

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Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence.'

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Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
28 section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the penalty structure established in Committee Amendment
31 "B" by:

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1. Decreasing the penalty for a first-time violation for unauthorized use of a drone on
33 or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail to a Class E crime;

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2. Decreasing the penalty for a 2nd violation to a Class D crime; and

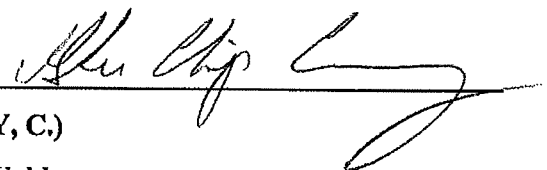
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1446, L.D. 2157 (S. 618)

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3. Providing that a violation after a 2nd conviction is a Class C crime.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator CURRY, C.)
COUNTY: Waldo

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



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LD 2157

LR 2663(06)

An Act to Prohibit the Unauthorized Use of Drones on or over the Premises of Correctional Facilities and Jails

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (5-6-18)
Sponsor: Sen. Curry of Waldo
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The bill changes the Class C crime in Committee Amendment "B" from unauthorized use of a drone on or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail to intentionally or knowingly flies a drone over the premises of a correctional facility or jail at or below a height of 400 feet above the ground, lands a drone on the premises or flies a drone from the premises. To be a Class C crime the person must have more than one prior conviction for violating this provision or more than one prior conviction for engaging in conduct substantially similar to this prohibition in another jurisdiction.