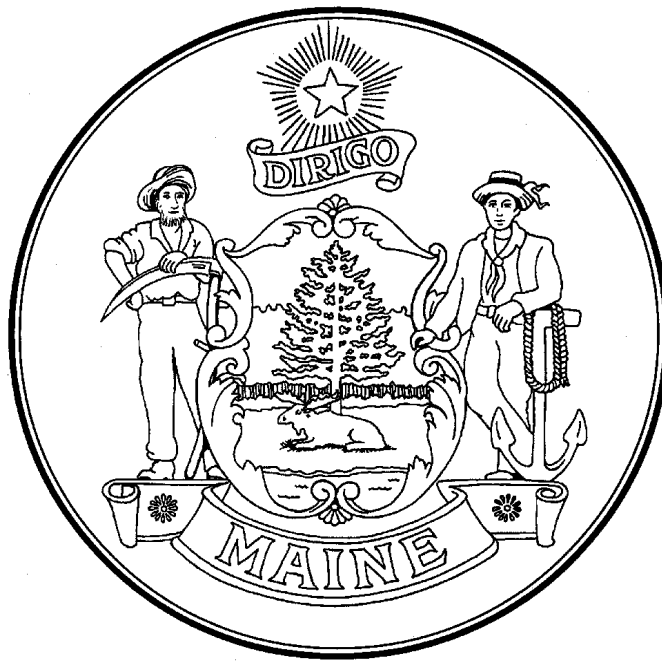


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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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

Amend the bill in section 1 in §761 by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2 (page 1, lines 4 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, a person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been previously adjudicated as violating this subsection or has been previously adjudicated of committing a violation for conduct substantially similar to that prohibited in this subsection in another jurisdiction commits a Class D crime. Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §761 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 21 and 22 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 1 in §761 by renumbering the subsections to read, consecutively.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, does the following.

1. It removes a provision from the bill regarding the use of a drone to convey or attempt to convey prison contraband in correctional facilities or jails.

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2. It removes a provision from the bill that establishes a Class C crime for unauthorized use of a drone on or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail.

3. It creates a mens rea requirement that a person must intentionally or knowingly operate a drone on or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail to be found liable for unauthorized use of a drone. A person who violates this provision commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 may be adjudged.

4. It adds a provision that if a person has previously been adjudicated for unauthorized use of a drone on or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail or has been adjudicated for substantially similar conduct in another jurisdiction, and the person subsequently flies a drone on or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail without authorization, the person is guilty of a Class D crime.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **A (H-891)**
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.