

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 178

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 577, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the offense of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft, with a penalty provision.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 577, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 577.805, to read as follows:

**577.805. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful use of an unmanned  
2 aircraft if such person:**

3 **(1) Launches or lands an unmanned aircraft on private property; or**

4 **(2) Operates an unmanned aircraft on private property within a vertical  
5 distance of four hundred feet from the ground and within the property line of the  
6 private property**

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8 **without the consent of the property owner or occupant.**

9 **2. The offense of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft is a class A misdemeanor.**

10 **3. The provisions of this section shall not apply:**

11 **(1) To an unmanned aircraft operated by a public utility, municipal utility or  
12 municipally owned utility, joint municipal utility commission, or rural electric  
13 cooperative if the unmanned aircraft is used for:**

14 **(a) The purpose of inspecting, repairing, or maintaining utility transmission or  
15 distribution lines or other utility equipment or infrastructure; or**

16 **(b) Any work performed on any pipeline;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **(2) To federally certified pilots of unmanned aircraft in the normal course of**  
18 **business or federally certified unmanned aircraft operations;**

19           **(3) To law enforcement or public safety officials piloting or operating unmanned**  
20 **aircraft in the course of a response for public safety;**

21           **(4) In cases involving state, national, or local emergency; state, national, or local**  
22 **security; or missing persons;**

23           **(5) To any person performing in the course of the person's duties on behalf of a**  
24 **fire department or fire protection district;**

25           **(6) To any person providing assistance to a law enforcement agency in cases**  
26 **involving state, national, or local emergency; state, national, or local security; or missing**  
27 **persons;**

28           **(7) To any person performing in the course of the person's duties on behalf of a**  
29 **railroad regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration;**

30           **(8) To realtors, land surveyors, and appraisers in the normal course of business;**  
31 **or**

32           **(9) To any person performing in the course of the person's duties on behalf of an**  
33 **insurance company in the normal course of business.**

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