

HB 178 -- UNLAWFUL USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

SPONSOR: Van Schoiack

A person commits the offense of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft if they launch, land, or operate an unmanned aircraft on private property, or within a vertical distance of 400 feet from the ground within a private property line, without permission from the property owner.

Unmanned aircraft operated by officials associated with public and private utilities and electric cooperatives; federally certified pilots; law enforcement or public safety departments; fire department or fire protection district; the Federal Railroad Administration; realtors and land surveyors; and insurance companies are exempt from the provisions of the bill.

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