

House File 410 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of an unmanned aircraft system by a
2 state or local law enforcement agency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80C.1 Use of unmanned aircraft
2 system — prohibition.

3 1. A state agency or an agency of a political subdivision
4 of the state having jurisdiction over criminal law enforcement
5 shall not utilize an unmanned aircraft system prior to July 1,
6 2015.

7 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, an unmanned aircraft
8 system may be deployed prior to July 1, 2015, under the
9 following circumstances:

10 a. During the occurrence of a disaster as defined in section
11 29C.2.

12 b. When an amber alert has been issued.

13 c. During a search and rescue operation if deployment is
14 necessary to protect life, health, or property.

15 3. Under no circumstances shall a weaponized unmanned
16 aircraft system be deployed by or its use facilitated by an
17 agency of the state or an agency of a political subdivision of
18 the state with jurisdiction over criminal law enforcement.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill relates to the use of an unmanned aircraft system,
21 also known as a drone, by a state or local law enforcement
22 agency.

23 The bill prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency
24 from using a drone prior to July 1, 2015.

25 The bill does permit the use of a drone by a state or
26 local law enforcement agency prior to July 1, 2015, under the
27 following circumstances: during the occurrence of a disaster
28 as defined in Code section 29C.2; when an amber alert has been
29 issued; and during a search and rescue operation.

30 The bill prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency
31 from using or facilitating the use of a weaponized drone under
32 any circumstances.