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## State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill for an act

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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1.2 1.3 1.4	relating to public safety; authorizing use of unmanned aerial vehicles for risk of fleeing suspect or actual fleeing suspect; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.19, subdivision 3.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
1.7	Subd. 3. Authorized use. A law enforcement agency may use a UAV:
1.8	(1) during or in the aftermath of an emergency situation that involves the risk of death
1.9	or bodily harm to a person;
1.10	(2) over a public event where there is a heightened risk to the safety of participants or
1.11	bystanders;
1.12	(3) in risk of, or for purposes of, the lawful pursuit of a fleeing suspect;
1.13	(3) (4) to counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if
1.14	the agency determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk;
1.15	(4) (5) to prevent the loss of life and property in natural or man-made disasters and to
1.16	facilitate operational planning, rescue, and recovery operations in the aftermath of these
1.17	disasters;
1.18	(5) (6) to conduct a threat assessment in anticipation of a specific event;
1.19	(6) (7) to collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal
1.20	activity;

Section 1. 1

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2.1 (7) (8) to collect information for crash reconstruction purposes after a serious or deadly collision occurring on a public road;

- 2.3 (8) (9) over a public area for officer training or public relations purposes; and
- 2.4 (9) (10) for purposes unrelated to law enforcement at the request of a government entity provided that the government entity makes the request in writing to the law enforcement agency and specifies the reason for the request and proposed period of use.

Section 1. 2