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Overview

This bill restricts the use of unmanned aerial cameras (UACs or drones) by law enforcement agencies.

Section

1 Searches and seizures using a drone.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the following terms: “unmanned aerial camera” and “law enforcement agency.”

Subd. 2. Prohibition on use of drones. Prohibits a law enforcement agency from using a drone to gather evidence or other information on individuals.

Subd. 3. Exceptions. Authorizes the use of drones: (1) to counter-terrorism; (2) in cases where law enforcement obtains a search warrant; (3) in emergency situations; and (4) disasters.

Subd. 4. Remedies for violation. Authorizes a civil cause of action for aggrieved parties.

Subd. 5. Prohibition on use of evidence. Prohibits evidence collected in violation of this section from being admitted in a court of law.