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Overview

This bill would clarify that drones cannot be used to take, harm, or harass wild animals.

Existing state statutes address the use of drones indirectly. For example, the use of radio equipment is prohibited when taking big and small game, and a person is prohibited from using a “motor vehicle” (defined for purposes of the state’s game and fish laws as “a self-propelled vehicle or a vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle that is operated on a highway, on a railroad track, on the ground, in the water, or in the air) to intentionally drive, chase, run over, kill, or take a wild animal. This bill would explicitly prohibit the use of “unmanned aircraft systems,” also known as drones, for similar purposes.

Section

- 1 Use of unmanned aircraft systems to take wild animals prohibited.** Amends § 97A.036. Defines “unmanned aircraft” and “unmanned aircraft system” and prohibits their use to take, harm, or harass a wild animal.