

Senate Bill 1125

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act says that it is a crime to cause death or serious injury by using a drone to meddle in an emergency. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Modifies the felony of causing death or serious physical injury using an unmanned aircraft system to include causing death or serious physical injury by causing an unmanned aircraft system to interfere with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement or emergency response effort.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to unmanned aircraft systems; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 837.374.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 837.374 is amended to read:

5 837.374. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a person commits a Class A vi-
6 olation if the person possesses or controls an unmanned aircraft system and recklessly causes the
7 unmanned aircraft system to:

- 8 (a) Direct a laser at an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air;
9 (b) Crash into an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air;
10 (c) Prevent the takeoff or landing of an aircraft; or
11 (d) Interfere with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement or emergency response effort.

12 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor
13 if the person possesses or controls an unmanned aircraft system and knowingly or intentionally
14 causes the unmanned aircraft system to:

- 15 (a) Direct a laser at an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air;
16 (b) Crash into an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air;
17 (c) Prevent the takeoff or landing of an aircraft; or
18 (d) Interfere with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement or emergency response effort.

19 (3) A person commits a Class A felony if the person possesses or controls an unmanned aircraft
20 system and knowingly, intentionally or recklessly causes death or serious physical injury, as defined
21 in ORS 161.015, to another person by causing the unmanned aircraft system to:

- 22 (a) Direct a laser at an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air;
23 (b) Crash into an aircraft while the aircraft is in the air; *[or]*
24 (c) Prevent the takeoff or landing of an aircraft~~[.]~~; **or**
25 **(d) Interfere with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement or emergency response effort.**

26 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor if
27 the person violates subsection (1) of this section and the person has one or more convictions under
28 subsection (1) of this section at the time of the offense.

29 (5) In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence the court may impose, upon a person's

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 second or subsequent conviction under this section, the court shall, at the time of sentencing, de-
2 clare the unmanned aircraft system used in the offense to be contraband and order that the un-
3 manned aircraft system be forfeited.

4 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 837.374 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to con-**
5 **duct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

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