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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to drones; amending s. 934.50, F.S.;
3 providing for liability for damage to person or
4 property in this state for which operation of a drone
5 was a substantial contributing factor; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 934.50,
11 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) and (7),
12 respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section,
13 to read:

14 934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

15 (5) LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF DRONE USE.—

16 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who
17 suffers an injury to person or property in this state for which
18 the operation of a drone was a substantial contributing factor
19 is entitled to recover all damages arising from the operation of
20 the drone from the owner and operator of the drone, jointly.

21 (b) Injury to person or property in this state for which
22 the operation of a drone was a substantial contributing factor
23 that arises out of or is caused in substantial part by a defect
24 in the manufacture or design of a drone may be recovered from
25 the manufacturer, distributor, owner, and operator of the drone,
26 jointly.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.