

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to expanded uses of unmanned aircraft;  
 3           amending s. 934.50, F.S.; authorizing the use of  
 4           drones by law enforcement agencies and other specified  
 5           entities for specified purposes; 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. Paragraphs (d) through (j) of subsection (4) of  
 11           section 934.50, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs  
 12           (h) through (n), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (3)  
 13           of that section is amended, and new paragraphs (d), (e), (f),  
 14           and (g) are added to subsection (4), to read:

15           934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

16           (3) PROHIBITED USE OF DRONES.—

17           (a) A law enforcement agency may not use a drone to gather  
 18           evidence or other information, except as provided in subsection  
 19           (4).

20           (4) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit the use of  
 21           a drone:

22           (d) To assist a law enforcement agency in crowd control  
 23           involving a group of 50 people or more.

24           (e) To assist a law enforcement agency with traffic  
 25           management, except that a law enforcement agency may not use a

26 | drone to gather evidence for traffic infraction enforcement.

27 | (f) To facilitate a law enforcement agency's collection of  
28 | evidence at a crime scene or traffic crash scene.

29 | (g) By a state agency or political subdivision for the  
30 | assessment of damage due to a flood, wildfire, or natural  
31 | disaster or for vegetation or wildlife management on publicly  
32 | owned land or water.

33 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.