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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House . Comm: RCS 04/11/2025 The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice (Truenow) recommended the following: Senate Amendment (with title amendment) Delete lines 94 - 129 and insert: 330.411 Prohibited possession, alteration, or operation of unmanned aircraft or unmanned <u>aircraft system</u>.-(1) As used in this section, the term: (a) "Unmanned aircraft" has the same meaning as the term "drone" in s. 934.50(2).

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(b) "Unmanned aircraft system" has the same meaning as in

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11	s. 330.41(2).
12	(2) A person may not <u>knowingly or willfully</u> possess or
13	operate an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system <del>as</del>
14	defined in s. 330.41 with an attached weapon, firearm,
15	explosive, destructive device, or ammunition as those terms are
16	defined in s. 790.001.
17	(3)(a) For the purposes of s. 330.41(4)(a), a person may
18	not knowingly or willfully:
19	1. Alter, manipulate, tamper with, or otherwise change an
20	unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system's hardware or
21	software to purposefully frustrate any tool, system, or
22	technology intended to satisfy the remote identification
23	requirements established by the Federal Aviation Administration
24	as they relate to an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft
25	system; or
26	2. Possess or operate an unmanned aircraft or unmanned
27	aircraft system that has been altered, manipulated, tampered
28	with, or otherwise changed to purposefully frustrate any tool,
29	system, or technology intended to satisfy the remote
30	identification requirements established by the Federal Aviation
31	Administration as they relate to any unmanned aircraft or
32	unmanned aircraft system.
33	(b) This subsection does not apply if a person is
34	authorized by the administrator of the Federal Aviation
35	Administration or the Secretary of Defense, or their respective
36	designees, to alter, possess, or operate such an altered
37	unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system.
38	(4) A person who violates subsection (2) or subsection $(3)$
39	commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in

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<u>s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.</u>
(5) A person who, without lawful authority, possesses or
operates an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system
carrying a "weapon of mass destruction" or a "hoax weapon of
mass destruction," as those terms are defined in s. 790.166(1),
commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in
<u>s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.</u>
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And the title is amended as follows:
Delete lines 9 - 11
and insert:
330.411, F.S.; defining the terms ``unmanned aircraft"
and "unmanned aircraft system"; prohibiting certain
actions relating to unmanned aircraft and unmanned
aircraft systems; providing an exception; providing
criminal penalties;