

By Senator Wright

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to operating drones over critical infrastructure facilities; amending s. 330.41, F.S.; revising a prohibition relating to the operation of a drone over a critical infrastructure facility; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 330.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

(4) PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES.—

(a) A person may not knowingly or willfully:

1. Operate a drone over a critical infrastructure facility, ~~unless the operation is for a commercial purpose and is~~ authorized by and in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations;

2. Allow a drone to make contact with a critical infrastructure facility, including any person or object on the premises of or within the facility; or

3. Allow a drone to come within a distance of a critical infrastructure facility that is close enough to interfere with the operations of or cause a disturbance to the facility.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.