

2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1280**AMENDMENT 1280B
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

1 **An Act to ~~prohibit drone surveillance of state military installations, to provide a~~**
2 **~~penalty therefor, and to authorize law enforcement to intercept or disable any~~**
3 **~~drone or small unmanned aircraft threatening public safety~~ increase penalties**
4 **for the operation of drones over certain facilities and to provide for mitigation**
5 **techniques and countermeasures.**

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

7 **Section 1. That § 50-15-3 be AMENDED:**

8 **50-15-3.** No person may operate a drone over the grounds of a prison, correctional
9 facility, jail, juvenile detention facility, or any military facility unless expressly authorized
10 by the administrator thereof. A violation of this section is a Class ~~1 misdemeanor~~ 6 felony.
11 Law enforcement officers may utilize mitigation techniques and countermeasures,
12 authorized in accordance with section 2 of this Act, in response to a violation of this
13 section.

14 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 50-15:**

15 The Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules, in accordance with chapter
16 1-26, to:
17 (1) Identify the nature and scope of mitigation techniques and drone countermeasures
18 that may be utilized in response to a violation of § 50-15-3; and
19 (2) Develop and implement a training program for law enforcement officers in the
20 selection and use of mitigation techniques and drone countermeasures.
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