2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1280

HOUSE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS ENGROSSED

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

Introduced by: ***Representative*** *Jorgenson*

An Act to increase penalties for the operation of drones over certain facilities and to provide for mitigation techniques and countermeasures.

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

Section 1. That § 50-15-3 be AMENDED:

50-15-3. No person may operate a drone over the grounds of a prison, correctional facility, jail, juvenile detention facility, or any military facility unless expressly authorized by the administrator thereof. A violation of this section is a Class ~~1 misdemeanor~~ 6 felony.

Law enforcement officers may utilize mitigation techniques and countermeasures, authorized in accordance with section 2 of this Act, in response to a violation of this section.

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

The Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules, in accordance with chapter 1-26, to:

(1) Identify the nature and scope of mitigation techniques and drone countermeasures that may be utilized in response to a violation of § 50-15-3; and

(2) Develop and implement a training program for law enforcement officers in the selection and use of mitigation techniques and drone countermeasures.