

715E.4 Surveillance by use of remotely piloted aircraft — offense.

1. A person commits surveillance by the use of a remotely piloted aircraft if the person knowingly does any of the following:

a. Controls the flight of a remotely piloted aircraft equipped with a surveillance device over a homestead, if the homestead is not owned or leased by the person, and the remotely piloted aircraft remains over the homestead.

b. Controls the flight of a remotely piloted aircraft equipped with a surveillance device over a farmstead, if the farmstead is not owned or leased by the person, and the remotely piloted aircraft remains within a secured area of four hundred feet surrounding a farm animal, farm equipment, or a farm structure located on the farmstead. However, the secured area shall not include any space that is in the corporate limits of a city.

2. *a.* A person who commits surveillance by the use of a remotely piloted aircraft is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

b. Notwithstanding paragraph “a”, a person who commits surveillance by the use of a remotely piloted aircraft is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor if the person has previously been convicted of any of the following:

(1) Intrusion by the use of a remotely piloted aircraft as provided in [section 715E.3](#).

(2) Surveillance by the use of a remotely piloted aircraft as provided in [this section](#).

[2024 Acts, ch 1131, §4](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1154, §22](#); [2025 Acts, ch 56, §5](#)

Referred to in [§715E.3](#), [715E.5](#), [715E.6](#)

Subsection 1, paragraph b amended