

**Senate Study Bill 3033 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON HOGG)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of remotely operated aerial vehicles  
2 and providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80C.1 Use of remotely operated  
2 aerial vehicles — permit — penalty.

3 1. As used in this section:

4 a. "Person" means the same as in section 4.1.

5 b. "Remotely operated aerial vehicle" means an aircraft  
6 that is operated without the possibility of direct human  
7 intervention from within or on the aircraft.

8 2. a. Except as provided in paragraphs "b" and "c",  
9 a person shall not use a remotely operated aerial vehicle  
10 anywhere in this state unless the person obtains a permit to  
11 use the remotely operated aerial vehicle from the department  
12 of public safety. Such a permit shall only be valid for an  
13 unarmed remotely operated aerial vehicle that is capable  
14 of streaming or recording images of or detecting sound  
15 from the single-family residence of the permittee or other  
16 nonresidential property owned or controlled by the permittee.

17 b. A person may use an unarmed remotely operated aerial  
18 vehicle without a permit if the remotely operated aerial  
19 vehicle does not have the capability of streaming or recording  
20 images or detecting sound, and the person operates the remotely  
21 operated aerial vehicle over the single-family residence of the  
22 person or other nonresidential property owned or controlled by  
23 the person.

24 c. A law enforcement agency may use an unarmed remotely  
25 operated aerial vehicle without obtaining a permit if  
26 authorized by a search warrant.

27 3. A person who violates this section shall be assessed  
28 a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars for a  
29 first violation and two hundred fifty dollars for a second or  
30 subsequent violation.

31 4. The department of public safety shall adopt rules  
32 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

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EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1 This bill regulates the use of remotely operated aerial  
2 vehicles.

3 The bill defines "remotely operated aerial vehicle" to mean  
4 an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct  
5 human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

6 Under the bill, a person shall not use a remotely operated  
7 aerial vehicle anywhere in this state unless the person obtains  
8 a permit to use the remotely operated aerial vehicle from the  
9 department of public safety. Such a permit shall only be  
10 valid for an unarmed remotely operated aerial vehicle that is  
11 capable of streaming or recording images of or detecting sound  
12 from the single-family residence of the permittee or other  
13 nonresidential property owned or controlled by the permittee.

14 The bill allows a person to use an unarmed remotely operated  
15 aerial vehicle without a permit if the remotely operated aerial  
16 vehicle does not have the capability of streaming or recording  
17 images or detecting sound, and the person operates the remotely  
18 operated aerial vehicle over the single-family residence of the  
19 person or other nonresidential property owned or controlled by  
20 the person.

21 The bill also allows a law enforcement agency to use an  
22 unarmed remotely operated aerial vehicle without a permit under  
23 the authority of a search warrant.

24 A person who violates the bill shall be assessed a civil  
25 penalty in the amount of \$100 for a first violation and \$250  
26 for a second or subsequent violation.

27 The department of public safety is required to adopt rules  
28 to administer the bill.