

**DRAFT ONLY
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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Trespass by small unmanned aircraft.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the crime
2 of trespass by small unmanned aircraft; providing a
3 penalty; providing definitions; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-308 is created to read:

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10 **W.S. 6-3-308. Trespass by small unmanned aircraft.**

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12 (a) A person is guilty of trespass by small unmanned
13 aircraft if the person causes a small unmanned aircraft to

1 enter into the immediate reaches of the airspace over the
 2 private property of a landowner and the entry substantially
 3 interferes with the landowner's or his authorized
 4 occupant's use and enjoyment of the land. For purposes of
 5 this section "aircraft", "unmanned aircraft" and "small
 6 unmanned aircraft" means as defined in 14 C.F.R. 1.1 as of
 7 July 1, 2023.

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9 (b) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a)
 10 of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed
 11 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), by imprisonment not
 12 to exceed six (6) months, or both.

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STAFF COMMENT

14 C.F.R. 1.1 provided the following definitions:

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19 "Aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be
 20 used for flight in the air.

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22 "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft operated without the
 23 possibility of direct human intervention from within or on
 24 the aircraft.

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26 "Small unmanned aircraft" means an unmanned aircraft
 27 weighing less than 55 pounds on takeoff, including
 28 everything that is on board or otherwise attached to the
 29 aircraft.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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