



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 788

SENATE BILL NO. 2106

By Johnson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1811

By Lamberth, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-903(a), is amended by adding a new subdivision:

(6)(A) Without the business operator's written consent, knowingly uses an unmanned aircraft within two hundred fifty feet (250') of the perimeter of any critical infrastructure facility for the purpose of conducting surveillance of, gathering evidence or collecting information about, or photographically or electronically recording, critical infrastructure data.

(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(6), "critical infrastructure facility" means:

(i) An electrical power generation system; electrical transmission system, either as a whole system or any individual component of the transmission system; or electrical distribution substation;

(ii) A petroleum refinery;

(iii) A manufacturing facility that utilizes any hazardous substance, as defined in § 68-131-102, either in storage or in the process of manufacturing;

(iv) A chemical or rubber manufacturing facility;

(v) A petroleum or chemical storage facility;

(vi) A water or wastewater treatment facility;

(vii) Any facility, equipment, or pipeline infrastructure utilized in the storage, transmission, or distribution of natural gas or propane; and

(viii) Railroad yards and facilities not open to the general public.

(C) This subdivision (a)(6) shall not prohibit an unmanned aircraft system from operating for commercial purposes in compliance with authorization granted by the Federal Aviation Administration.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act shall be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 28, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR