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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to unmanned aerial vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 650.600, to read as follows:

650.600. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "The Foreign Unmanned Aircraft Law".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Covered foreign entity", an individual, foreign government, or other entity:

(a) On the Consolidated Screening List or Entity List as designated by the United States Secretary of Commerce;

(b) Domiciled in the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation;

(c) Under the influence or control of the government of the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation;

or

(d) That is a subsidiary or affiliate of an individual, government, or entity referred to in this subdivision;

(2) "Department", the department of public safety;

(3) "Director", the director of the department of public safety;

19 (4) "Public entity", the state of Missouri or a
20 department or political subdivision of the state of
21 Missouri, including all boards, authorities, commissions,
22 agencies, committees, councils, universities, or other
23 entities created by the Missouri constitution or by law;

24 (5) "Small unmanned aircraft system" or "system", an
25 unmanned powered aircraft that:

26 (a) Is operated without the necessity of direct human
27 intervention from within or onboard the aircraft;

28 (b) May be expendable or recoverable; and

29 (c) Weighs less than fifty-five pounds including the
30 weight of anything attached to or carried by the aircraft.

31 3. (1) No public entity shall purchase or otherwise
32 acquire a small unmanned aircraft system that is
33 manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity.

34 (2) No state funds shall be used in connection with
35 small unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by
36 a covered foreign entity, including, but not limited to,
37 state funds awarded through a contract, grant, or
38 cooperative agreement.

39 (3) Beginning May 1, 2027, no public entity shall
40 operate a small unmanned aircraft system manufactured or
41 assembled by a covered foreign entity.

42 (4) The director may waive the provisions of this
43 subsection upon:

44 (a) His or her review of the necessity to purchase a
45 small unmanned aircraft system that is manufactured or
46 assembled by a covered foreign entity due to exigent
47 circumstances, for purposes related to counter-unmanned
48 aircraft systems, or for criminal investigative purposes; and

49 (b) Notification to the general assembly.

50 4. (1) No later than May 25, 2026, the department
51 shall implement a small unmanned aircraft system replacement
52 grant program to provide funds to public entities impacted
53 by the provisions of this section. The department shall
54 develop an application process for the program by rule.
55 Under the program, public entities that surrender to the
56 department small unmanned aircraft systems that do not
57 comply with this section shall be eligible to receive funds
58 to acquire small unmanned aircraft systems that comply with
59 the requirements of this section. Systems surrendered to
60 the department under the program shall not have reached the
61 end of their useful life, and shall be in working
62 condition. Funds shall be provided under the program based
63 on the actual cash value of the system at the time of
64 surrender, and shall be used solely to purchase systems that
65 comply with the requirements of this section.

66 (2) Funds under the program shall be allocated on a
67 first-come, first-serve basis, as determined by the date on
68 which the department receives the public entity's properly
69 completed application.

70 (3) Public entities desiring to utilize the program
71 shall be required to detail specific systems they wish to
72 purchase, as well as a plan for training and use of the
73 systems. Systems purchased under the program shall be in
74 compliance with this section, including, but not limited to,
75 systems that have received:

76 (a) The Defense Innovation Unit's (DIU) Blue UAS
77 certification; or

78 (b) The Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems'
79 (AUVSI) Green UAS certification.

80 5. The department of public safety shall promulgate
81 rules for the implementation of this section. Any rule or

82 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
83 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
84 this section shall become effective only if it complies with
85 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
86 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
87 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with
88 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to
89 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
90 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
91 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
92 August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

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