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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to civilian drone use near a correctional facility

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 624  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 624. DRONE USE AROUND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. 1. NO PERSON, IN A  
4     PRIVATE CAPACITY, SHALL OPERATE A DRONE WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF A  
5     CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THIS STATE.  
6     2. CORRECTION OFFICERS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO USE A FIREARM TO  
7     DISABLE ANY DRONE WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY'S  
8     OUTER SECURITY WALL OR PERIMETER.  
9     3. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:  
10    "DRONE" MEANS A POWERED OR UNPOWERED AERIAL VEHICLE OR A BALLOON FLOAT  
11    OR OTHER DEVICE THAT:  
12    (A) DOES NOT CARRY A HUMAN OPERATOR;  
13    (B) USES AERODYNAMIC FORCES OR GASES TO PROVIDE LIFT;  
14    (C) CAN FLY AUTONOMOUSLY OR BE PILOTED REMOTELY;  
15    (D) CAN BE EXPENDABLE OR RECOVERABLE;  
16    (E) CAPTURES IMAGES OF OBJECTS OR PEOPLE ON THE GROUND AND IN THE AIR;  
17    (F) INTERCEPTS COMMUNICATIONS ON THE GROUND AND IN THE AIR; AND/OR  
18    (G) CAN CARRY A LETHAL OR NON-LETHAL PAYLOAD.  
19    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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