

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 16, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the unlawful use or operation of an unmanned aircraft

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 240.00 of the penal law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 8 to read as follows:

3 8. "Unmanned aircraft" means a device used for flight in the air which
4 is operated remotely without the possibility of direct human inter-
5 vention from within or on the aircraft.

6 § 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 240.80 to read
7 as follows:

8 § 240.80 Unlawful use or operation of an unmanned aircraft.

9 A person is guilty of unlawful use or operation of an unmanned
10 aircraft when during the personal use or operation of such aircraft,
11 except as otherwise provided by federal law, he or she intentionally
12 operates an unmanned aircraft:

13 1. in violation of federal laws or regulations of the United States
14 department of transportation and the federal aviation administration
15 (FAA) or successors thereof; or

16 2. in a manner that such operation creates an unreasonable risk of
17 harm or danger to any person or persons.

18 Unlawful use or operation of an unmanned aircraft is a violation.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
20 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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