

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-121.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to trespass with an unmanned*
3 *aircraft system; contracted defense facility; penalty.*

4 [S 757]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 18.2-121.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 18.2-121.3. Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system; penalty.**

9 A. Any person who knowingly and intentionally causes an unmanned aircraft system to (i) enter the
10 property of another and come within 50 feet of a dwelling house (a) to coerce, intimidate, or harass another
11 person or (b) after having been given actual notice to desist, for any other reason; (ii) take off or land in
12 violation of current Federal Aviation Administration Special Security Instructions or UAS Security Sensitive
13 Airspace Restrictions; or (iii) (a) drop any item within the boundaries of or (b) obtain any videographic or
14 still image of any identifiable inmate or resident at any state or local correctional facility, as defined in §
15 53.1-1, or juvenile correctional center is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

16 B. ~~This section~~ Subsection A shall not apply to any person who causes an unmanned aircraft system to
17 enter the property as set forth in subsection A if (i) consent is given to the entry by any person with legal
18 authority to consent or by any person who is lawfully present on such property or (ii) such person is
19 authorized by federal regulations to operate an unmanned aircraft system and is operating such system in an
20 otherwise lawful manner and consistent with federal regulations.

21 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections A and B, any person who knowingly, intentionally, and
22 without authorization causes an unmanned aircraft system to enter the property of and obtains or attempts to
23 obtain any videographic or still image that contains or reveals any controlled technical information located
24 within a contracted defense facility is guilty of a Class 4 felony. Notwithstanding the provisions of §
25 18.2-146, the owner or operator of a contracted defense facility and its employees shall be immune from
26 criminal prosecution and civil liability as a result of preventing, stopping, deterring, interrupting, or
27 repelling, or attempting to prevent, stop, deter, interrupt, or repel, an unmanned aircraft system from
28 entering the property of such contracted defense facility, or attempting to stop, deter, interrupt, or repel, an
29 unmanned aircraft system that has entered such property, provided that such action does not result in injury
30 to any person.

31 *As used in this subsection:*

32 "Contracted defense facility" means any manufacturing or engineering facility or other related facility
33 where work involving the design, construction, repair, maintenance, modernization, or inactivation of an
34 asset of the U.S. Department of Defense occurs pursuant to a contract issued by the federal government.

35 "Controlled technical information" means technical information with military or space application that is
36 subject to controls on the access, use, reproduction, modification, performance, display, release, disclosure,
37 or dissemination, excluding information that is lawfully publicly available without restrictions, as defined in
38 clause 252.204-7012 of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, as amended.

39 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
40 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary**
41 **appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities;**
42 **therefore, Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2024, Special Session I, requires the Virginia Criminal**
43 **Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the**
44 **Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for**
45 **periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**