**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑3‑1065 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE, AN UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE, OR A REMOTELY PILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE IN AN ILLEGAL AIRSPACE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF THESE VEHICLES MUST REGISTER THEM WITH THE AERONAUTICS COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 3, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16‑3‑1065. (A) A person who operates an unmanned aerial vehicle, an unpiloted aerial vehicle, or a remotely piloted aerial vehicle in an unlawful airspace is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

(B) Before operating a vehicle described in subsection (A), its owner must register the vehicle with the Aeronautics Commission. A person who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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