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**MI ST § 259.321**

**MI ST § 750.45a**

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### **MI ST § 259.321 Interference with Duties of Public Safety Personnel; Prohibition**

An individual shall not knowingly and intentionally operate an unmanned aircraft system in a manner that interferes with the official duties of any of the following:

- (a) A law enforcement official, as that term is defined in section 7 of chapter III of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 763.7.
- (b) A firefighter.
- (c) Emergency medical services personnel, as that term is defined in section 20904 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20904.
- (d) Search and rescue personnel.
- (e) A state correctional officer, as that term is defined in section 2 of the correctional officers' training act of 1982, 1982 PA 415, MCL 791.502, or any other individual employed by the department of corrections.
- (f) A local corrections officer, as that term is defined in section 2 of the local corrections officers training act, 2003 PA 125, MCL 791.532.

### **MI ST § 750.45a Use of Unmanned Aircraft; Interference with Operations of Key Facility, or Other Law Enforcement Facility**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall not knowingly and intentionally use an unmanned aircraft in a manner that interferes with the operations of a key facility, a correctional facility, or other law enforcement facility.
- (2) If a facility listed under subsection (1) is included on the Federal Aviation Administration's registry of fixed site facilities under section 2209 of the FAA extension, safety, and security act of 2016, Public Law 114-190, a person shall not fly or cause an unmanned aircraft to hover over the facility.
- (3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$2,500.00, or both.
- (4) This section does not apply to a commercial operator of an unmanned aircraft if the unmanned aircraft is operated pursuant to and in compliance



with Federal Aviation Administration regulations, authorizations, and exemptions.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) “Key facility” means that term as defined in section 552c.1

(b) “Unmanned aircraft” means that term as defined in section 3 of the unmanned aircraft systems act, 2016 PA 436, MCL 259.303.

