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NV ST § 493.100

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NV ST § 493.130

NV ST § 501.376

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NV ST § 493.100 Dangerous Flying; Penalty

1. Any operator or passenger, while an aircraft is in flight over a heavily populated area or over a public gathering within this state, who:
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, engages in trick or acrobatic flying, or in any acrobatic feat;
 - (b) Except while in landing or taking off, flies at such a low level as to endanger the persons on the surface beneath; or
 - (c) Drops any object with reckless disregard for the safety of other persons and willful indifference to injuries that could reasonably result from dropping the object, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
2. The provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 do not apply to the operator of an unmanned aerial vehicle in a park unless the operator is operating the unmanned aerial vehicle with reckless disregard for the safety of other persons and with willful indifference to injuries that could reasonably result from such operation.

NV ST § 493.106 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Weaponization Prohibited; Penalties

1. A person shall not weaponize an unmanned aerial vehicle or operate a weaponized unmanned aerial vehicle. A person who violates this section is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
2. A person who weaponizes an unmanned aerial vehicle in violation of subsection 1 and who discharges the weapon is guilty of a category C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.



NV ST § 493.109 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Operation Near Critical Facility or Within 5 Miles of Airport Prohibited; Exceptions; Penalty

1. A person shall not operate an unmanned aerial vehicle within:
 - (a) A horizontal distance of 500 feet or a vertical distance of 250 feet from a critical facility without the written consent of the owner of the critical facility.
 - (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, 5 miles of an airport.
2. A person may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle within 5 miles of an airport only if the person obtains the consent of the airport authority or the operator of the airport, or if the person has otherwise obtained a waiver, exemption or other authorization for such operation pursuant to any rule or regulation of the Federal Aviation Administration. A person who is authorized to operate an unmanned aerial vehicle within 5 miles of an airport pursuant to this subsection shall, at all times during such operation, maintain on his or her person documentation of any waiver, exemption, authorization or consent permitting such operation.
3. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
4. As used in this section, “airport” means any area of land or water owned, operated or maintained by or on behalf of a city, county, town, municipal corporation or airport authority that is designed and set aside for the landing and taking off of aircraft and that is utilized in the interest of the public for such purposes.

NV ST § 493.130 Operation of Aircraft While Under Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Controlled Substance or in Reckless Manner: Penalty; Exception

1. Any person operating an aircraft in the air, or on the ground or water:
 - (a) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, unless in accordance with a lawfully issued prescription; or
 - (b) In a careless or reckless manner so as to endanger the life or property of another, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
2. As used in this section:
 - (a) “Aircraft” includes an unmanned aerial vehicle as that term is defined in subsection 8 of NRS 493.020.
 - (b) “Controlled substance” has the meaning ascribed to it in 21 U.S.C. § 802(6).
 - (c) “Prescription” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 453.128.

NV ST § 501.376 Unlawful Killing or Possession of Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Elk, Deer, Moose, Pronghorn Antelope, Mountain Lion or Black Bear; Exceptions; Criminal Penalties

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not intentionally kill or aid and abet another person to kill a bighorn sheep,



mountain goat, elk, deer, moose, pronghorn antelope, mountain lion or black bear:

- (a) Outside of the prescribed season set by the Commission for the lawful hunting of that animal;
 - (b) Through the use of a manned or unmanned aircraft or helicopter in violation of NRS 503.010;
 - (c) By a method other than the method prescribed on the tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal;
 - (d) Knowingly during a time other than:
 - (1) The time of day set by the Commission for hunting that animal pursuant to NRS 503.140; or
 - (2) If the Commission has not set such a time, between sunrise and sunset as determined pursuant to that section; or
 - (e) Without a valid tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal. A tag issued for hunting any animal specified in this subsection is not valid if knowingly used by a person:
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided by the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection 9 of NRS 501.181, other than the person specified on the tag;
 - (2) Outside of the management area or other area specified on the tag; or
 - (3) If the tag was obtained by a false or fraudulent representation.
2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit the killing of an animal specified in subsection 1 if:
- (a) The killing of the animal is necessary to protect the life of any person, pet or livestock in imminent danger of being attacked by the animal; or
 - (b) The animal killed was not the intended target of the person who killed the animal and the killing of the animal which was the intended target would not violate the provisions of subsection 1.
3. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 shall be punished for a category E felony as provided in NRS 193.130 or, if the court reduces the penalty pursuant to this subsection, for a gross misdemeanor. In determining whether to reduce the penalty, the court shall consider:
- (a) The nature of the offense;
 - (b) The circumstances surrounding the offense;
 - (c) The defendant's understanding and appreciation of the gravity of the offense;
 - (d) The attitude of the defendant towards the offense; and
 - (e) The general objectives of sentencing.
4. A person shall not willfully possess any animal specified in subsection 1 if the person knows the animal was killed in violation of subsection 1 or the circumstances should have caused a reasonable person to know that the animal was killed in violation of subsection 1.
5. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 4 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
6. As used in this section:



- (a) "Livestock" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 561.025.
- (b) "Pet" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.487.

