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VT ST T 13 § 4018

VT ST T 20 § 4621

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VT ST T 32 § 9741

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VT ST T 13 § 4018 Drones

(a) No person shall equip a drone with a dangerous or deadly weapon or fire a projectile from a drone. A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Drone" shall have the same meaning as in 20 V.S.A. § 4621.

(2) "Dangerous or deadly weapon" shall have the same meaning as in section 4016 of this title.

VT ST T 20 § 4621 Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Correctional facility" shall have the same meaning as in 28 V.S.A. § 3.

(2) "Drone" means a powered aerial vehicle that does not carry a human operator and is able to fly autonomously or to be piloted remotely.

(3) "Law enforcement agency" means:

(A) the Vermont State Police;

(B) a municipal police department;

(C) a sheriff's department;

(D) the Office of the Attorney General;

(E) a State's Attorney's office;

(F) the Capitol Police Department;

(G) the Department of Liquor and Lottery;

(H) the Department of Fish and Wildlife;

(I) the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(J) a State investigator; or

(K) a person or entity acting on behalf of an agency listed in this subdivision (3).

(4) "Public safety agency" shall have the same meaning as in section 1841 of this title.



VT ST T 20 § 4625 Correctional Facilities; Use of Drones Prohibited; Civil Penalty

(a) A person shall not knowingly operate a drone over a correctional facility or surrounding property that is readily recognizable to a reasonable person as being correctional facility property or is reasonably identified as such by fencing or appropriate signs.

(b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$500.00.

(c) (1) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the use of a drone by:

(A) the Department of Corrections;

(B) a person operating a drone with the written consent of the correctional facility's supervising officer; or

(C) a person operating a drone that is being used for a commercial purpose, if the person is operating in compliance with any authorization, rule, or exemption granted by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(2) With prior notice to the correctional facility, subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the use of a drone by:

(A) the Department of Buildings and General Services or its contractors working on behalf of the Department;

(B) a law enforcement agency; or

(C) a public safety agency responding to an emergency or a person engaged in emergency functions or emergency management pursuant to chapter 1 of this title (emergency management).

VT ST T 32 § 9741 Sales Not Covered

Retail sales and use of the following shall be exempt from the tax on retail sales imposed under section 9771 of this title and the use tax imposed under section 9773 of this title:

...

(29) Aircraft, but not drones, sold to a person that holds itself out to the general public as engaging in air commerce, for use primarily in the carriage of persons or property for compensation or hire; and parts, machinery, and equipment to be installed in any aircraft, other than drones.

