

**HB429 ENROLLED**



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to crimes and offenses; to prohibit the  
5 operation of an unmanned aircraft system near a ticketed  
6 entertainment event; to provide penalties for violations; and  
7 to provide exemptions.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
10 following terms have the following meanings:

11 (1) OPERATE. To act as the individual in direct and  
12 immediate control of an unmanned aircraft system, regardless  
13 of the method of control.

14 (2) TICKETED ENTERTAINMENT EVENT. Any music, sporting,  
15 or performing arts event held in a location with gated entries  
16 or barriers that prevent access to the general public and in  
17 which a revocable license that has been issued by an owner,  
18 operator, or lessee of the property is required for an  
19 individual to attend the event.

20 (3) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM. As defined in Section  
21 13A-7-4.3, Code of Alabama 1975.

22 (b) (1) It shall be unlawful to operate an unmanned  
23 aircraft system within 400 feet of or above a ticketed  
24 entertainment event.

25 (2) A violation of this subsection is punishable by a  
26 fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500).

27 (3) A second or subsequent violation of this subsection  
28 is a Class A misdemeanor.



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29 (c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to an operator of an  
30 unmanned aircraft system in any of the following scenarios:

31 (1) The operator has obtained consent by any person  
32 with legal authority over the ticketed entertainment event.

33 (2) The operator is authorized by federal regulations  
34 to operate an unmanned aircraft system and is operating the  
35 system in a lawful manner consistent with federal regulations.

36 (3) The operator is an employee of the property where  
37 the event is being held and is conducting official business.

38 (4) The operator is an employee of a utility service  
39 provider and is conducting official business.

40 (5) The operator is an owner of private property who is  
41 operating an unmanned aircraft system that he or she owns  
42 above the private property, where the operation is consistent  
43 with federal regulations and is not done for commercial  
44 purposes, to convey or communicate a message, or to record for  
45 the purposes of commercial broadcasting, commercial  
46 publication, monitoring, or to otherwise interfere with a  
47 ticketed entertainment event.

48 (6) The operator is an employee or volunteer with a  
49 state agency, law enforcement agency, fire department, or  
50 emergency management agency and is conducting official  
51 business.

52 (7) The ticketed entertainment event is a middle school  
53 or high school sports event.

54 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
55 1, 2026.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 24-Feb-26, as amended.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate	<hr/> <b>10-Mar-26</b> <hr/>	Amended and Passed
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