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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Hukill moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 82 - 127

and insert:

from the air with the use of a drone.

(4) EXCEPTIONS.—This section ~~act~~ does not prohibit the use of a drone:

(a) To counter a high risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the United States Secretary of Homeland Security determines that credible intelligence indicates that there is such a risk.



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12 (b) If the law enforcement agency first obtains a search
13 warrant signed by a judge authorizing the use of a drone.

14 (c) If the law enforcement agency possesses reasonable
15 suspicion that, under particular circumstances, swift action is
16 needed to prevent imminent danger to life or serious damage to
17 property, to forestall the imminent escape of a suspect or the
18 destruction of evidence, or to achieve purposes including, but
19 not limited to, facilitating the search for a missing person.

20 (d) By a person or an entity engaged in a business or
21 profession licensed by the state, or by an agent, employee, or
22 contractor thereof, if the drone is used only to perform
23 reasonable tasks within the scope of practice or activities
24 permitted under such person's or entity's license. However, this
25 exception does not apply to a profession in which the licensee's
26 authorized scope of practice includes obtaining information
27 about the identity, habits, conduct, movements, whereabouts,
28 affiliations, associations, transactions, reputation, or
29 character of any society, person, or group of persons.

30 (e) By an employee or a contractor of a property appraiser
31 who uses a drone solely for the purpose of assessing property
32 for ad valorem taxation.

33 (f) To capture images by or for an electric, water, or
34 natural gas utility:

35 1. For operations and maintenance of utility facilities,
36 including facilities used in the generation, transmission, or
37 distribution of electricity, gas, or water, for the purpose of
38 maintaining utility system reliability and integrity;

39 2. For inspecting utility facilities, including pipelines,
40 to determine construction, repair, maintenance, or replacement



41 needs before, during, and after construction of such facilities;

42 3. For assessing vegetation growth for the purpose of
43 maintaining clearances on utility rights-of-way;

44 4. For utility routing, siting, and permitting for the
45 purpose of constructing utility facilities or providing utility
46 service; or

47 5. For conducting environmental monitoring, as provided by
48 federal, state, or local law, rule, or permit.

49 (g) For aerial mapping, if the person or entity using a
50 drone for this purpose is operating in compliance with Federal
51 Aviation Administration regulations.

52 (h) To deliver cargo, if the person or entity using a drone
53 for this purpose is operating in compliance with Federal
54 Aviation Administration regulations.

55 (i) To capture images necessary for the safe operation or
56 navigation of a drone that is being used for a purpose allowed
57 under federal or Florida law.

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59 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete line 18

62 and insert:

63 certain utilities for specified purposes; authorizing
64 the use of a drone for aerial mapping under certain
65 circumstances; authorizing the use of a drone for
66 delivering cargo under certain circumstances;
67 authorizing the use of a drone to capture certain
68 images under certain circumstances; providing