A bill to be entitled
An act relating to expanded uses of unmanned aircraft;
amending s. 934.50, F.S.; authorizing the use of
drones by law enforcement agencies and other specified
entities for specified purposes; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (d) through (j) of subsection (4) of
section 934.50, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs
(h) through (n), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (3)
of that section is amended, and new paragraphs (d), (e), (f),
and (g) are added to subsection (4), to read:

934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—
(3) PROHIBITED USE OF DRONES.—
(a) A law enforcement agency may not use a drone to gather
evidence or other information, except as provided in subsection
(4).
(4) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit the use of
a drone:
(d) To assist a law enforcement agency in crowd control
involving a group of 50 people or more.
(e) To assist a law enforcement agency with traffic
management, except that a law enforcement agency may not use a
drone to gather evidence for traffic infraction enforcement.

(f) To facilitate a law enforcement agency's collection of evidence at a crime scene or traffic crash scene.

(g) By a state agency or political subdivision for the assessment of damage due to a flood, wildfire, or natural disaster or for vegetation or wildlife management on publicly owned land or water.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.