

# HOUSE BILL 1349

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Trespass and Surveillance**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using an unmanned aircraft system to enter  
4 another person's property under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
5 unmanned aircraft systems and trespass and surveillance.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Criminal Law

8 Section 3–908

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 **3–908.**

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM” HAS THE MEANING  
16 STATED IN § 14–301 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

17 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO:

18 (1) HAS CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY BY A PERSON WITH LEGAL  
19 AUTHORITY TO GIVE THE CONSENT OR BY A PERSON WHO IS LAWFULLY PRESENT ON  
20 THE PROPERTY; OR

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) IS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION TO OPERATE**  
2 **AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM AND IS OPERATING THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**  
3 **SYSTEM IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OR REGULATION.**

4           **(C) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY CAUSE AN**  
5 **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM TO ENTER THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON AND**  
6 **COME WITHIN 50 FEET OF A DWELLING WITH THE INTENT TO:**

7           **(1) COERCE, INTIMIDATE, OR HARASS ANOTHER PERSON; OR**

8           **(2) OBTAIN VIDEOGRAPHIC OR PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES OF THE**  
9 **PROPERTY, THE PROPERTY OWNER, A RESIDENT, OR A GUEST.**

10           **(D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR**  
11 **AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A**  
12 **FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.**

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2025.