



SB-702 State Correctional Facilities- Unauthorized Operation of Unmanned Aircraft

MCAA Position: **Support with Amendment**

TO: Judicial Proceedings Committee

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The operation of unmanned aircraft has been a growing threat to the safety and security of Maryland correctional facilities. These aircraft can be used to deliver contraband to areas in and around a facility with the intention to get these prohibited and/or illegal items into the hands of those who are incarcerated.

This bill would criminalize the operation of unmanned aircraft above a State correctional facility. The MCAA supports this bill with amendment. We propose that this bill be amended to include local correctional facilities.