



with an N-number or other unique identifying number issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

HB 120 HCS also prohibits the use of a drone in the commission of an act of burglary as defined in KRS Chapter 511. HB 120 HCS expands the unlawful uses of a drone to include theft by unlawful taking or disposition as defined in KRS Chapter 514. HB 120 HCS makes all of the enumerated drone offenses punishable as Class A misdemeanors.

### **Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost**

**The fiscal impact of HB 120 HCS is expected to be minor**, but as technology improves and the costs of owning a drone becomes more affordable, a rise in this activity may occur.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to one year. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 78 full service jails or five life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of \$31.34 per day. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.34 per day.

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