

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to place a moratorium on the use of unmanned aircraft systems.*

3 [H 2012]
4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

6 **1.** *§ 1. No state or local agency or organization having jurisdiction over criminal law enforcement or*
7 *regulatory violations, including but not limited to the Department of State Police, and no department of*
8 *law enforcement as defined in § 15.2-836 of the Code of Virginia of any county, city, or town shall*
9 *utilize an unmanned aircraft system before July 1, 2015.*

10 *Notwithstanding the prohibition in this section, an unmanned aircraft system may be deployed before*
11 *July 1, 2015, when an Amber Alert is activated pursuant to § 52-34.3 of the Code of Virginia, when a*
12 *Senior Alert is activated pursuant to § 52-34.6 of the Code of Virginia, when a Blue Alert is activated*
13 *pursuant to § 52-34.9 of the Code of Virginia, or for the purpose of a search and rescue operation. In*
14 *no case may a weaponized unmanned aircraft system be deployed or its use facilitated by a state or*
15 *local agency in Virginia.*

16 *The prohibitions in this section shall not apply to the Virginia National Guard while utilizing*
17 *unmanned aircraft systems during training required to maintain readiness for its federal mission, when*
18 *facilitating training for other United States Department of Defense units, or when such systems are*
19 *utilized to support the Commonwealth for purposes other than law enforcement, including damage*
20 *assessment, traffic assessment, flood stages, and wildfire assessment.*

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