

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2350

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Minchew

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Use of unmanned aircraft system to trespass; peeping into dwelling or occupied building; penalty.

5. Summary: Punishes as a Class 1 misdemeanor the use of an unmanned aircraft system to trespass upon the property of another for the purpose of secretly or furtively peeping, spying, or attempting to peep or spy into a dwelling or occupied building located on such property.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation creates a new Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement in jail for not more than twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Ultimately, the presiding judge will decide if there is to be any time served in jail; however, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail and \$12.00 a day for each state responsible inmate. It also funds a considerable portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2016), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$32.82 per inmate, per day in FY 2015.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails, Courts, Law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.