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S.F. No. 1665

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02/20/2025	449	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to public safety; authorizing use of unmanned aerial vehicles for risk of

1.3fleeing suspect or actual fleeing suspect; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,

1.4section 626.19, subdivision 3.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 626.19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7Subd. 3. **Authorized use.** A law enforcement agency may use a UAV:

1.8(1) during or in the aftermath of an emergency situation that involves the risk of death

1.9or bodily harm to a person;

1.10(2) over a public event where there is a heightened risk to the safety of participants or

1.11bystanders;

1.12(3) in risk of, or for purposes of, the lawful pursuit of a fleeing suspect;

1.13~~(3)~~ (4) to counter the risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if

1.14the agency determines that credible intelligence indicates a risk;

1.15~~(4)~~ (5) to prevent the loss of life and property in natural or man-made disasters and to

1.16facilitate operational planning, rescue, and recovery operations in the aftermath of these

1.17disasters;

1.18~~(5)~~ (6) to conduct a threat assessment in anticipation of a specific event;

1.19~~(6)~~ (7) to collect information from a public area if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal

1.20activity;

- 2.1 ~~(7)~~ (8) to collect information for crash reconstruction purposes after a serious or deadly
- 2.2 collision occurring on a public road;
- 2.3 ~~(8)~~ (9) over a public area for officer training or public relations purposes; and
- 2.4 ~~(9)~~ (10) for purposes unrelated to law enforcement at the request of a government entity
- 2.5 provided that the government entity makes the request in writing to the law enforcement
- 2.6 agency and specifies the reason for the request and proposed period of use.