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S.B. NO. 2065

A Bill for an Act Relating to Fishing.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 188, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§188- Possession or use of unmanned aerial vehicles on, in, or near state marine waters prohibited; exception. (a) It is unlawful to possess or use on, in, or near state marine waters, any unmanned aerial vehicles, for the purpose of taking aquatic life, except under the terms and conditions of a permit first obtained by the user from the department of land and natural resources; provided that unmanned aerial vehicles may be used for the purpose of simple reconnaissance. The department of land and natural resources may issue per-

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mits for the possession or use of unmanned aerial vehicles consistent with other legal requirements.

(b) As used in this section, “unmanned aerial vehicle” means any aerial vehicle that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention within or on the aerial vehicle.”

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 27, 2022.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.