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HOUSE BILL ***1444-FN***

AN ACT relative to the purchase or acquisition of certain unmanned aircraft systems.

SPONSORS: Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Cambrils, Merr. 4; Rep. Freeman, Belk. 8; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. Mandelbaum, Rock. 21; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Creighton, Hills. 30; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the state or local governments from acquiring certain drones or unmanned aircraft systems after January 1, 2028.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the purchase or acquisition of certain unmanned aircraft systems.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 95:1 New Chapter; Prohibition on Purchase or Acquisition of Certain Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

2 Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 162-U the following new chapter:

3 CHAPTER 162-V

4 PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

5 162-V:1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, "unmanned aircraft system" or "drone" means the same
6 as "aircraft" as defined in RSA 422:3, VI.

7 162-V:2 Prohibition on Purchase or Acquisition of Certain Unmanned Aircraft Systems by the State.

8 I. Effective January 1, 2028, no state agency shall purchase or acquire a drone or unmanned
9 aircraft system other than those cleared pursuant to RSA 162-V:3.

10 II. To the extent practicable, state agencies shall purchase or acquire only those drones and
11 unmanned aircraft systems cleared pursuant to RSA 162-V:3 prior to January 1, 2028.

12 III. Effective January 1, 2028, no state funds shall be used to purchase or acquire a drone or
13 unmanned aircraft system whose purchase would be prohibited by paragraph I.

14 IV. A contract or agreement for the purchase or acquisition of a drone or unmanned aircraft
15 system in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

16 162-V:3 Prohibition on Purchase or Acquisition of Certain Unmanned Aircraft Systems by Localities.

17 I. Effective January 1, 2028, no county, city, town, or other political subdivision shall purchase or
18 acquire a drone or unmanned aircraft system that does not meet the requirements of the National Defense
19 Authorization Act of 2024, Public Law 118-31, or that has been included on the "covered list" of devices
20 deemed by the Federal Communications Commission to pose an unacceptable risk to the national
21 security of the United States or to the security and safety of United States residents.

22 II. A contract or agreement for the purchase or acquisition of a drone or unmanned aircraft
23 system in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

24 95:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 28, 2026
Effective Date: July 27, 2026

