

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 22, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB912** by Gooden (Relating to images captured by unmanned vehicles and unmanned aircraft; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would add Chapter 423 to the Government Code to define "image" captured by unmanned vehicles and unmanned aircraft, and would create a class C misdemeanor offense if a person used or authorized the use of an unmanned vehicle or aircraft to capture an image without the express consent of the person who owns or occupies the real property captured in the image. The bill would also create a Class B misdemeanor offense for the disclosure, display, distribution or other use of certain related images. The bill would also create defenses to prosecution for images captured under specific circumstances as defined by the provisions of the bill. A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by confinement in county jail for a term not to exceed 180 days and/or a fine not to exceed \$2,000. No significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources; and revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 466 Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

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