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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1504

TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, MODIFYING, SELLING,
TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT
THAT IS EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1504

Amend House Bill 1504 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 31, and substitute the following:

"(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to protect participants, event staff, and spectators;

(2) "Robotic device" means a mechanical device that:"

AND

Page 2, line 1, delete "(2) "Uncrewed" and substitute "(3) "Uncrewed"

AND

Page 2, line 4, delete "(3) "Weapon" and substitute "(4) "Weapon"

AND

Page 2, delete line 35, and substitute the following:

"committed the act.

(f) This section does not sanction, authorize, prohibit, or regulate



the procurement or operation of a robotic device by a governmental entity."

AND

Page 3, line 7, delete "aircraft; or" and substitute "aircraft;"

AND

Page 3, delete line 10, and substitute the following:

"respect to robotic devices and uncrewed aircraft;

(4)(A) A person operating a nonautonomous robotic device that is designed and built specifically for the purpose of participating in a robot competition and equipped with weapons typically used for the purpose of participating in a robot competition.

(B) Subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section does not allow the use of a firearm on a robotic device used in a robot competition; or

(5) A person operating a robotic device equipped with a blank-firing weapon or attachments to a blank-firing weapon when the person is authorized or permitted to acquire and possess a blank-firing weapon or attachments to a blank-firing weapon for use solely as a prop in a motion picture, television program, digital video production, or an entertainment event."

AND

Page 3, line 12, delete "the state," and substitute "the state, a county or municipal law enforcement agency,"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 15 through 17, and substitute the following:

"aircraft that is equipped or mounted with a weapon if the individual is doing so for the purpose of the following without limitation:"

AND

Page 3, line 21, delete "explosives; or" and substitute "explosives;"

AND

Page 3, delete line 23, and substitute the following:

"deadly threat to human life; or

(4) Using physical force in compliance with § 5-2-610."

AND

Page 4, delete line 23, and substitute the following:

"shall award reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

(5) A person may not bring a civil action against a law enforcement officer or a member of an accredited bomb squad under subsection (b) of this section for using a robotic device or an uncrewed aircraft in good faith and in the line of duty."

The Amendment was read
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