

As Introduced

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H. B. No. 327

Representative Patton

A BILL

To enact section 4511.515 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit a business from using an unmanned 2
aerial vehicle to deliver packages. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4511.515 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4511.515. (A) As used in this section: 6

(1) "Commercial entity" means a corporation, partnership, 7
firm, sole proprietorship, or other entity engaged in business. 8

(2) "Unmanned aerial vehicle" means a powered, aerial 9
vehicle to which all of the following apply: 10

(a) The vehicle does not carry a human operator and is 11
operated without the possibility of direct human intervention 12
from within or on the vehicle; 13

(b) The vehicle uses aerodynamic forces to provide lift; 14

(c) The vehicle can fly autonomously or be piloted 15
remotely; 16

(d) The vehicle is either expendable or recoverable. 17

"Unmanned aerial vehicle" is commonly referred to as a 18
drone and does not include a satellite. 19

(B) No commercial entity or agent of a commercial entity 20
acting in the scope of that agent's employment shall operate an 21
unmanned aerial vehicle to deliver a package for business 22
purposes. 23

(C) Nothing in this section restricts the personal use of 24
an unmanned aerial vehicle. 25

(D) (1) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is 26
guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor. 27

(2) The offense established under this section is a strict 28
liability offense and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does 29
not apply. The designation of this offense as a strict liability 30
offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, 31
for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a 32
strict liability offense. 33