Regular Session, 2025 HOUSE BILL 1504 By: Representative S. Meeks By: Senator M. Johnson Regular Session, 2025 By: Senator M. Johnson Regular Session, 2025 By: Senator M. Johnson Regular Session, 2025 By: Senator M. Johnson By: Senator M. Johnson Regular Session, 2025 By: Senator M. Johnson Section M. MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: Section 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows: Chapter 80 – Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft Section 1. Definitions. As used in this chapter: <th>1</th> <th>State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/4/25 H3/10/25 95th General Assembly As Engrossed: Bill</th>	1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/4/25 H3/10/25 95th General Assembly As Engrossed: Bill
4 5 By: Representative S. Meeks 6 By: Senator M. Johnson 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 10 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A 11 ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS 12 EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER 13 PURPOSES. 14 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 15 Subtite 16 Subtite 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows: Chapter 80 – Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 23 SE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMELY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 - Saudit In this chapter: 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows: <td< td=""><td>2</td><td></td></td<>	2	
5 By: Representative S. Meeks 6 By: Senator M. Johnson 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 10 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A 11 ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS 12 EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER 13 PURPOSES. 14 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 15 Subtitle 16 Subtitle 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 24 As used in this chapter: 25 SAUGOI 1. Definitions. 26 As used in this chapter: 21 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 25 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer		Regular Session, 2025 HOUSE BILL 1504
6 By: Senator M. Johnson 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 10 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A 11 ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS 12 EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER 13 PURPOSES. 14 OPERATING A 15 Subtite 16 Subtite 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 As used in this chapteri 27 Chapter 80 – Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 Stued in this chapteri 30 As used in this chapteri <		By: Representative S. Meeks
7 8 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 10 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A 11 ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS 12 EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER 13 PURPOSES. 14 0 15 0 16 Subtitle 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, OR 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 S-80-101. Definitions. 27 Chapter 80 – Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 29 S-80-101. Definitions. 20 <		
Bit Are and a construction of the state		By. Schator W. Johnson
10 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A 11 ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS 12 EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER 13 PURPOSES. 14 11 15 5 16 Subtitle 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 5 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 Additional chapter to read as follows: 27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 Secololl. Definitions. 30 As used in this chapter: 31 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 32 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer 33 camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar 34 organization for which reasonab	-	For An Act To Be Entitled
10 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR OPERATING A 11 ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS 12 EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER 13 PURPOSES. 14 11 15 11 16 Subtitle 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 Additional chapter to read as follows: 27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 Secolol. Definitions. 30 As used in this chapter: 31 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 32 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer 33 camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar	9	AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING,
EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER INPURPOSES.	10	
13 PURPOSES. 14	11	ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS
14 15 16 Subtitle 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28	12	EQUIPPED OR MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON; AND FOR OTHER
15 16 Subtitle 17 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING, 18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 E IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 E SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 Astused in chapter to read as follows: 27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 Section 1. Definitions. 30 As used in this chapter: 31 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 32 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer 33 camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar 34 organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to 35 protect participants, event staff, and spectators;	13	PURPOSES.
16Subtile17TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING,18MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR19OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN20UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR21MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON.22223BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:24225SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an26additional chapter to read as follows:27Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft2829295-80-101. Definitions.30As used in this chapter:31(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course32or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer33camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar34organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to35protect participants, event staff, and spectators;	14	
17TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING,18MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR19OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN20UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR21MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON.22BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:24Chapter to read as follows:25SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an26additional chapter to read as follows:27Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft289295-80-101. Definitions.30As used in this chapter:31(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course32or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer33camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar34organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to35protect participants, event staff, and spectatorsi	15	
18 MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR 19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 Additional chapter to read as follows: 27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 5-80-101. Definitions. 30 As used in this chapter: 31 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 32 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer 33 camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar 34 organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to 35 protect participants, event staff, and spectators;	16	Subtitle
19 OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN 20 UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR 21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28	17	TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING,
20UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR21MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON.22	18	MODIFYING, SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR
21 MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON. 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 Mounted to read as follows: 27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 Section 1. Definitions. 29 5-80-101. Definitions. 30 As used in this chapter: 31 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 32 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer 33 camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar 34 organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to 35 protect participants, event staff, and spectators;	19	OPERATING A ROBOTIC DEVICE OR AN
22 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an 26 additional chapter to read as follows: 27 <u>Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft</u> 28 29 <u>5-80-101. Definitions.</u> 30 <u>As used in this chapter:</u> 31 <u>(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course</u> 32 <u>or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer</u> 33 <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> 34 <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> 35 <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u>	20	UNCREWED AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED OR
 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows: <u>Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft</u> <u>Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft</u> <u>S-80-101. Definitions.</u> <u>As used in this chapter:</u> <u>(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course</u> <u>or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer</u> <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u> 	21	MOUNTED WITH A WEAPON.
 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows: <u>Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft</u> 5-80-101. Definitions. <u>As used in this chapter:</u> (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; 	22	
 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows: <u>Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft</u> <u>5-80-101. Definitions.</u> <u>As used in this chapter:</u> (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; 	23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
 additional chapter to read as follows: <u>Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft</u> <u>5-80-101. Definitions.</u> <u>As used in this chapter:</u> <u>(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course</u> <u>or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer</u> <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u> 	24	
27 Chapter 80 - Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft 28 29 5-80-101. Definitions. 30 As used in this chapter: 31 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 32 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer 33 camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar 34 organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to 35 protect participants, event staff, and spectators;		
28 29 <u>5-80-101. Definitions.</u> 30 <u>As used in this chapter:</u> 31 <u>(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course</u> 32 <u>or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer</u> 33 <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> 34 <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> 35 <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u>		-
29 <u>5-80-101. Definitions.</u> 30 <u>As used in this chapter:</u> 31 <u>(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course</u> 32 <u>or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer</u> 33 <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> 34 <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> 35 <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u>		<u>Chapter 80 — Robotic Devices and Uncrewed Aircraft</u>
30 <u>As used in this chapter:</u> 31 <u>(1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course</u> 32 <u>or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer</u> 33 <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> 34 <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> 35 <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u>		
31 (1) "Robot competition" means an event or instructional course 32 or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer 33 camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar 34 organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to 35 protect participants, event staff, and spectators;		
32 <u>or meeting organized and supervised by an educational institution, summer</u> 33 <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> 34 <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> 35 <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u>		
33 <u>camp, sports league, television or film entertainment company, or similar</u> 34 <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> 35 <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u>		
34 <u>organization for which reasonable safety precautions have been taken to</u> 35 <u>protect participants, event staff, and spectators;</u>		
35 protect participants, event staff, and spectators;		
36 (7) "Robotic device" means a mechanical dovice that.	35 36	<u>protect participants, event stail, and spectators;</u> (2) "Robotic device" means a mechanical device that:



1	(A) Is capable of locomotion, navigation, or movement on
2	the ground; and
3	(B) Operates at a distance from its operator based on
4	commands or in response to sensor data or a combination of commands and
4 5	
	response to sensor data;
6	(3) "Uncrewed aircraft" means an aircraft, as defined by § 5-75-
7	101, that is operated without the possibility of direct human operation or
8	intervention from within or on the aircraft; and
9	(4) "Weapon means a device that is designed to threaten or cause
10	death, incapacitation, or physical injury to a person, including without
11	limitation:
12	(A) A stun gun;
13	(B) A firearm;
14	(C) A machine gun;
15	(D) A chemical agent or irritant;
16	(E) A kinetic impact projectile;
17	(F) A weaponized laser;
18	(G) An explosive device; and
19	(H) A flame thrower.
20	
21	5-80-102. Unlawful acts.
22	(a) It is unlawful for a person knowingly to manufacture, modify,
23	sell, transfer, or operate a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon
24	or an uncrewed aircraft equipped or mounted with a weapon.
25	(b) It is unlawful for a person knowingly to use a robotic device or
26	an uncrewed aircraft to:
27	(1) Commit the offense of terroristic threatening under § 5-13-
28	<u>301 et seq.; or</u>
29	(2) Commit the offense of harassment under § 5-71-208.
30	(c) It is unlawful for a person knowingly to use a robotic device or
31	an uncrewed aircraft to physically restrain or to attempt to physically
32	<u>restrain a human being.</u>
33	(d) A person who commits an offense under this section is guilty of a
34	violation and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum of not less than five
35	thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars
36	<u>(\$25,000).</u>

2

1	(e) A person who knowingly uses or directs a robotic device equipped
2	or mounted with a weapon or an uncrewed aircraft equipped or mounted with a
3	weapon to commit or facilitate the commission of another offense shall be
4	held criminally liable for that offense as if the person had personally
5	committed the act.
6	(f) This section does not sanction, authorize, prohibit, or regulate
7	the procurement or operation of a robotic device by a governmental entity.
8	
9	5-80-103. Exceptions.
10	(a) This chapter shall not apply to:
11	(1) A defense industrial company that is under contract with the
12	United States Department of Defense with respect to robotic devices and
13	uncrewed aircraft being developed or produced under that contract;
14	(2) A defense industrial company that obtains a waiver from the
15	Attorney General regarding robotic devices and uncrewed aircraft;
16	(3) A robotics company that obtains a waiver from the Attorney
17	General for the purpose of testing anti-weaponization technologies with
18	respect to robotic devices and uncrewed aircraft;
19	(4)(A) A person operating a nonautonomous robotic device that is
20	designed and built specifically for the purpose of participating in a robot
21	competition and equipped with weapons typically used for the purpose of
22	participating in a robot competition.
23	(B) Subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section does not allow
24	the use of a firearm on a robotic device used in a robot competition; or
25	(5) A person operating a robotic device equipped with a blank-
26	firing weapon or attachments to a blank-firing weapon when the person is
27	authorized or permitted to acquire and possess a blank-firing weapon or
28	attachments to a blank-firing weapon for use solely as a prop in a motion
29	picture, television program, digital video production, or an entertainment
30	event.
31	(b) It shall not be a violation of this chapter for an individual
32	employed by the United States Government, the state, a county or municipal
33	law enforcement agency, or an accredited bomb squad who is acting in the
34	public performance of his or her duties to operate a robotic device that is
35	equipped or mounted with a weapon or an uncrewed aircraft that is equipped or
36	mounted with a weapon if the individual is doing so for the purpose of the

3

03-10-2025 11:09:32 TNL114

1	following without limitation:
2	(1) Disposing of explosives or suspected explosives;
3	(2) Developing, evaluating, testing, providing education on, or
4	providing training on a robotic device or an uncrewed aircraft for the
5	purpose of disposing of explosives or suspected explosives;
6	(3) Destroying property in cases where there is an imminent,
7	<u>deadly threat to human life; or</u>
8	(4) Using physical force in compliance with § 5-2-610.
9	
10	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 118 is amended to add an
11	additional section to read as follows:
12	16-118-119. Civil action for unlawful use of robotic device or
13	uncrewed aircraft.
14	(a) The Attorney General may bring an action against a person who is
15	suspected of violating this chapter.
16	(b)(1) A person whose property or person is injured by reason of a
17	violation of § 5-80-101 et seq. or rules promulgated pursuant to § 5-80-101
18	et seq. may sue for the injury and recover for any damages sustained and the
19	costs of the suit.
19	costs of the suit.
19 20	<u>costs of the suit.</u> (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this
19 20 21	<u>costs of the suit.</u> (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have
19 20 21 22	<u>costs of the suit.</u> <u>(2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this</u> <u>section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have</u> <u>violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person</u>
19 20 21 22 23	<u>costs of the suit.</u> <u>(2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this</u> <u>section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have</u> <u>violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person</u> <u>alleged to have violated this chapter.</u>
19 20 21 22 23 24	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(l) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award:</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(l) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000);</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000); (B) Punitive damages; or</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(l) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000); (B) Punitive damages; or (C) Any other relief that the court deems appropriate,</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(l) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000); (B) Punitive damages; or (C) Any other relief that the court deems appropriate, including without limitation injunctive relief.</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000); (B) Punitive damages; or (C) Any other relief that the court deems appropriate, including without limitation injunctive relief. (4) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	<pre>costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(l) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000); (B) Punitive damages; or (C) Any other relief that the court deems appropriate, including without limitation injunctive relief. (4) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court shall award reasonable attorney's fees and costs.</pre>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	costs of the suit. (2) A civil action brought under subdivision (b)(l) of this section shall be brought against the government agency alleged to have violated this chapter, or, in the case of an individual, to the person alleged to have violated this chapter. (3) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court may award: (A) Liquidated damages of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000); (B) Punitive damages; or (C) Any other relief that the court deems appropriate, including without limitation injunctive relief. (4) In a civil action in which the plaintiff prevails, a court shall award reasonable attorney's fees and costs. (5) A person may not bring a civil action against a law

03-10-2025 11:09:32 TNL114

1	
2	/s/S. Meeks
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	
28	
29	
30	
31	
32	
33	
34	
35	
36	