

As Introduced

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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

<u>"Unmanned aerial vehicle" is commonly referred to as a</u>	18
<u>drone and does not include a satellite.</u>	19
<u>(B) No commercial entity or agent of a commercial entity</u>	20
<u>acting in the scope of that agent's employment shall operate an</u>	21
<u>unmanned aerial vehicle to deliver a package for business</u>	22
<u>purposes.</u>	23
<u>(C) Nothing in this section restricts the personal use of</u>	24
<u>an unmanned aerial vehicle.</u>	25
<u>(D) (1) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is</u>	26
<u>guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor.</u>	27
<u>(2) The offense established under this section is a strict</u>	28
<u>liability offense and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does</u>	29
<u>not apply. The designation of this offense as a strict liability</u>	30
<u>offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense,</u>	31
<u>for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a</u>	32
<u>strict liability offense.</u>	33