



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 326

HOUSE BILL NO. 1492

By Representatives Clemmons, Faison, Towns, Camper, Williams, Grills, Cochran, Tim Hicks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1019

By Senator Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 3 and Chapter 462 of the Private Acts of 2021, relative to drones.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Drone" has the same meaning as defined in § 39-13-609; and

(2) "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as defined in § 39-13-609.

(b) By January 1, 2024, except as provided in subsection (c), each law enforcement agency shall develop and enforce a policy that prohibits an officer from using a drone or other substantially similar device as a weapon under any circumstances while in the exercise of the officer's official duties.

(c) A law enforcement agency shall permit an officer qualified to operate a drone to utilize a drone or a substantially similar device for the purpose of remotely detonating a bomb or similar incendiary or explosive device.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

