

1 AN ACT relating to public safety.

2 WHEREAS, the great and essential principles of liberty and free government are a  
3 cornerstone of the Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, those values are enshrined in the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
5 of Kentucky; and

6 WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Kentucky Constitution establishes that absolute and  
7 arbitrary power over life, liberty, and property exists nowhere in a republic; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Kentucky Constitution protects the people in their  
9 persons, houses, papers, and possessions from unreasonable searches and seizures; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Kentucky Constitution guarantees the rights to a fair  
11 trial and to due process; and

12 WHEREAS, the development of highly capable unmanned aerial vehicles for  
13 surveillance does not alter the expectations of privacy which the Commonwealth  
14 recognizes as reasonable;

15 NOW, THEREFORE,

16 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

17 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 500 IS CREATED TO  
18 READ AS FOLLOWS:

19 ***(1) Except for unmanned aircraft systems operated by the United States Army, Navy,***  
20 ***Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, or a reserve component thereof, or by***  
21 ***the Army National Guard or Air National Guard, unmanned aircraft systems***  
22 ***may not be equipped with a lethal payload.***

23 ***(2) Any business entity doing business lawfully within this state may use an***  
24 ***unmanned aircraft system for business purposes, in compliance with 14 C.F.R.***  
25 ***pt. 107.***

26 ***(3) Any recreational user may operate an unmanned aircraft system within this state,***  
27 ***in compliance with 14 C.F.R. pt. 101.***

- 1 (4) Any institution of higher education, or school district, may use an unmanned  
2 aircraft system for educational, research, or testing purposes.
- 3 (5) No law enforcement agency, or agent thereof, shall use an unmanned aircraft  
4 system to conduct a search unless authorized under the Fourth Amendment to  
5 the United States Constitution and Section 10 of the Kentucky Constitution. If  
6 the search is conducted pursuant to a warrant, the warrant shall specifically  
7 authorize the use of an unmanned aircraft system.
- 8 (6) Except as limited by subsection (5) of this section, any government agency,  
9 including a law enforcement agency, may use an unmanned aircraft system for  
10 legitimate governmental purposes.
- 11 (7) When an unmanned aircraft system is used by law enforcement pursuant to  
12 subsections (5) and (6) of this section, it shall be operated in a lawful manner and  
13 shall minimize data collection on non-suspects. Disclosure of such data shall be  
14 prohibited except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 15 (8) No evidence obtained or collected as the result of the use of an unmanned  
16 aircraft system shall be admissible as evidence in any civil, criminal, or  
17 administrative proceeding within this state for the purpose of enforcing state or  
18 local law, except for:
- 19 (a) Evidence collected as permitted by subsections (2) to (6) of this section; or  
20 (b) Evidence which is offered against the owner or operator of an unmanned  
21 aircraft system to show misconduct.
- 22 (9) No law enforcement agency shall be required to operate unmanned aircraft  
23 systems.
- 24 (10) Operation of an unmanned aircraft system in violation of subsection (2) or (3) of  
25 this section shall be a violation for the first offense and a Class B misdemeanor  
26 for the second or subsequent offense.
- 27 (11) This section may be cited as the "Citizens' Freedom from Unwarranted

1        **Surveillance Act."**

2        ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 501 IS CREATED TO  
3 READ AS FOLLOWS:

4        **A person is guilty of an offense committed with the aid of an unmanned aircraft system**  
5        **if the unmanned aircraft system is under his or her control and the conduct would**  
6        **have given rise to criminal liability for the offense if performed directly by the person,**  
7        **unless the conduct consists solely of flying the unmanned aircraft system through**  
8        **navigable airspace in the normal course of operation of a legally registered unmanned**  
9        **aircraft system.**

10       ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO  
11 READ AS FOLLOWS:

12       **(1) As used in this section, "emergency responder" means state or local law**  
13       **enforcement personnel, fire department personnel, corrections officers, and**  
14       **emergency medical personnel and those contracted for official use by emergency**  
15       **responders.**

16       **(2) No person shall intentionally obstruct or disrupt an emergency responder from**  
17       **performing his or her official duties.**

18       **(3) Obstructing an emergency responder is a violation for a first offense, and a Class**  
19       **B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.**

20       ➔Section 4. KRS 446.010 is amended to read as follows:

21 As used in the statute laws of this state, unless the context requires otherwise:

- 22 (1) "Action" includes all proceedings in any court of this state;
- 23 (2) "Animal" includes every warm-blooded living creature except a human being;
- 24 (3) "Attorney" means attorney-at-law;
- 25 (4) "Bequeath" and "devise" mean the same thing;
- 26 (5) "Bequest" and "legacy" mean the same thing, and embrace either real or personal
- 27 estate, or both;

- 1 (6) "Business trust" includes, except when utilized in KRS Chapter 386, a "statutory  
2 trust" as organized under KRS Chapter 386A;
- 3 (7) "Case plan" means an individualized accountability and behavior change strategy  
4 for supervised individuals that:
- 5 (a) Targets and prioritizes the specific criminal risk factors of the individual  
6 based upon his or her assessment results;
  - 7 (b) Matches the type and intensity of supervision and treatment conditions to the  
8 individual's level of risk, criminal risk factors, and individual characteristics,  
9 such as gender, culture, motivational stage, developmental stage, and learning  
10 style;
  - 11 (c) Establishes a timetable for achieving specific behavioral goals, including a  
12 schedule for payment of victim restitution, child support, and other financial  
13 obligations; and
  - 14 (d) Specifies positive and negative actions that will be taken in response to the  
15 supervised individual's behaviors;
- 16 (8) "Certified mail" means any method of governmental, commercial, or electronic  
17 delivery that allows a document or package to have proof of:
- 18 (a) Sending the document or package;
  - 19 (b) The date the document or package was delivered or delivery was attempted;  
20 and
  - 21 (c) The signature of the receipt of the document or package;
- 22 (9) "Company" may extend and be applied to any corporation, company, person,  
23 partnership, joint stock company, or association;
- 24 (10) "Corporation" may extend and be applied to any corporation, company, partnership,  
25 joint stock company, or association;
- 26 (11) "Criminal risk factors" are characteristics and behaviors that, when addressed or  
27 changed, affect a person's risk for committing crimes. The characteristics may

- 1 include but are not limited to the following risk and criminogenic need factors:  
2 antisocial behavior; antisocial personality; criminal thinking; criminal associates;  
3 dysfunctional family; low levels of employment or education; poor use of leisure  
4 and recreation; and substance abuse;
- 5 (12) "Cruelty" as applied to animals includes every act or omission whereby unjustifiable  
6 physical pain, suffering, or death is caused or permitted;
- 7 (13) "Directors," when applied to corporations, includes managers or trustees;
- 8 (14) "Domestic," when applied to a corporation, partnership, business trust, or limited  
9 liability company, means all those incorporated or formed by authority of this state;
- 10 (15) "Domestic animal" means any animal converted to domestic habitat;
- 11 (16) "Evidence-based practices" means policies, procedures, programs, and practices  
12 proven by scientific research to reliably produce reductions in recidivism when  
13 implemented competently;
- 14 (17) "Federal" refers to the United States;
- 15 (18) "Foreign," when applied to a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, business  
16 trust, statutory trust, or limited liability company, includes all those incorporated or  
17 formed by authority of any other state;
- 18 (19) "Generally accepted accounting principles" are those uniform minimum standards  
19 of and guidelines to financial accounting and reporting as adopted by the National  
20 Council on Governmental Accounting, under the auspices of the Municipal Finance  
21 Officers Association and by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, under the  
22 auspices of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;
- 23 (20) "Graduated sanction" means any of a wide range of accountability measures and  
24 programs for supervised individuals, including but not limited to electronic  
25 monitoring; drug and alcohol testing or monitoring; day or evening reporting  
26 centers; restitution centers; reentry centers; disallowance of future earned  
27 compliance credits; rehabilitative interventions such as substance abuse or mental

- 1 health treatment; reporting requirements to probation and parole officers;  
2 community service or work crews; secure or unsecure residential treatment facilities  
3 or halfway houses; and short-term or intermittent incarceration;
- 4 (21) "Humane society," "society," or "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,"  
5 means any nonprofit corporation, organized under the laws of this state and having  
6 as its primary purpose the prevention of cruelty to animals;
- 7 (22) "Issue," as applied to the descent of real estate, includes all the lawful lineal  
8 descendants of the ancestors;
- 9 (23) "Land" or "real estate" includes lands, tenements, and hereditaments and all rights  
10 thereto and interest therein, other than a chattel interest;
- 11 (24) "Legatee" and "devisee" convey the same idea;
- 12 (25) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, alpacas, llamas, buffaloes, or  
13 any other animals of the bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, equine, or camelid species;
- 14 (26) "May" is permissive;
- 15 (27) "Month" means calendar month;
- 16 (28) "Oath" includes "affirmation" in all cases in which an affirmation may be  
17 substituted for an oath;
- 18 (29) "Owner" when applied to any animal, means any person having a property interest  
19 in such animal;
- 20 (30) "Partnership" includes both general and limited partnerships;
- 21 (31) "Peace officer" includes sheriffs, constables, coroners, jailers, metropolitan and  
22 urban-county government correctional officers, marshals, policemen, and other  
23 persons with similar authority to make arrests;
- 24 (32) "Penitentiary" includes all of the state penal institutions except the houses of  
25 reform;
- 26 (33) "Person" may extend and be applied to bodies-politic and corporate, societies,  
27 communities, the public generally, individuals, partnerships, joint stock companies,

- 1 and limited liability companies;
- 2 (34) "Personal estate" includes chattels, real and other estate that passes to the personal  
3 representative upon the owner dying intestate;
- 4 (35) "Pretrial risk assessment" means an objective, research-based, validated assessment  
5 tool that measures a defendant's risk of flight and risk of anticipated criminal  
6 conduct while on pretrial release pending adjudication;
- 7 (36) "Registered mail" means any governmental, commercial, or electronic method of  
8 delivery that allows a document or package to have:
- 9 (a) Its chain of custody recorded in a register to enable its location to be tracked;  
10 (b) Insurance available to cover its loss; and  
11 (c) The signature of the recipient of the document or package available to the  
12 sender;
- 13 (37) "Regular election" means the election in even-numbered years at which members of  
14 Congress are elected and the election in odd-numbered years at which state officers  
15 are elected;
- 16 (38) "Risk and needs assessment" or "validated risk and needs assessment" means an  
17 actuarial tool scientifically proven to determine a person's risk to reoffend and  
18 criminal risk factors, that when properly addressed, can reduce that person's  
19 likelihood of committing future criminal behavior;
- 20 (39) "Shall" is mandatory;
- 21 (40) "State" when applied to a part of the United States, includes territories, outlying  
22 possessions, and the District of Columbia; "any other state" includes any state,  
23 territory, outlying possession, the District of Columbia, and any foreign government  
24 or country;
- 25 (41) "State funds" or "public funds" means sums actually received in cash or negotiable  
26 instruments from all sources unless otherwise described by any state agency, state-  
27 owned corporation, university, department, cabinet, fiduciary for the benefit of any

1 form of state organization, authority, board, bureau, interstate compact,  
2 commission, committee, conference, council, office, or any other form of  
3 organization whether or not the money has ever been paid into the Treasury and  
4 whether or not the money is still in the Treasury if the money is controlled by any  
5 form of state organization, except for those funds the management of which is to be  
6 reported to the Legislative Research Commission pursuant to KRS 42.600, 42.605,  
7 and 42.615;

8 (42) "Supervised individual" means an individual placed on probation by a court or  
9 serving a period of parole or post-release supervision from prison or jail;

10 (43) "Sworn" includes "affirmed" in all cases in which an affirmation may be substituted  
11 for an oath;

12 (44) "Treatment" when used in a criminal justice context, means targeted interventions  
13 that focus on criminal risk factors in order to reduce the likelihood of criminal  
14 behavior. Treatment options may include but shall not be limited to community-  
15 based programs that are consistent with evidence-based practices; cognitive-  
16 behavioral programs; faith-based programs; inpatient and outpatient substance  
17 abuse or mental health programs; and other available prevention and intervention  
18 programs that have been scientifically proven to produce reductions in recidivism  
19 when implemented competently. "Treatment" does not include medical services;

20 (45) "United States" includes territories, outlying possessions, and the District of  
21 Columbia;

22 (46) "Vacancy in office," or any equivalent phrase, means such as exists when there is an  
23 unexpired part of a term of office without a lawful incumbent therein, or when the  
24 person elected or appointed to an office fails to qualify according to law, or when  
25 there has been no election to fill the office at the time appointed by law; it applies  
26 whether the vacancy is occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the state,  
27 county or district, or otherwise;



- 1 (47) "Violate" includes failure to comply with;
- 2 (48) "Will" includes codicils; "last will" means last will and testament;
- 3 (49) "Year" means calendar year;
- 4 (50) "City" includes town;
- 5 (51) Appropriation-related terms are defined as follows:
- 6 (a) "Appropriation" means an authorization by the General Assembly to expend,
- 7 from public funds, a sum of money not in excess of the sum specified, for the
- 8 purposes specified in the authorization and under the procedure prescribed in
- 9 KRS Chapter 48;
- 10 (b) "Appropriation provision" means a section of any enactment by the General
- 11 Assembly which is not provided for by KRS Chapter 48 and which authorizes
- 12 the expenditure of public funds other than by a general appropriation bill;
- 13 (c) "General appropriation bill" means an enactment by the General Assembly
- 14 that authorizes the expenditure of public funds in a branch budget bill as
- 15 provided for in KRS Chapter 48;
- 16 (52) "Mediation" means a nonadversarial process in which a neutral third party
- 17 encourages and helps disputing parties reach a mutually acceptable agreement.
- 18 Recommendations by mediators are not binding on the parties unless the parties
- 19 enter into a settlement agreement incorporating the recommendations;
- 20 (53) "Biennium" means the two (2) year period commencing on July 1 in each even-
- 21 numbered year and ending on June 30 in the ensuing even-numbered year;
- 22 (54) "Branch budget bill" or "branch budget" means an enactment by the General
- 23 Assembly which provides appropriations and establishes fiscal policies and
- 24 conditions for the biennial financial plan for the judicial branch, the legislative
- 25 branch, and the executive branch, which shall include a separate budget bill for the
- 26 Transportation Cabinet;
- 27 (55) "AVIS" means the automated vehicle information system established and

1 maintained by the Transportation Cabinet to collect titling and registration  
2 information on vehicles and boats and information on holders of motor vehicle  
3 operator's licenses and personal identification cards;~~and~~

4 (56) "Cooperative," except in KRS Chapter 272, includes a limited cooperative  
5 association; ***and***

6 ***(57) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an aircraft that is operated without the***  
7 ***possibility of direct human interaction from within or on the aircraft and***  
8 ***includes everything that is on board or otherwise attached to the aircraft and all***  
9 ***associated elements, including communication links and the components that***  
10 ***control the small unmanned aircraft, that are required for the safe and efficient***  
11 ***operation of the unmanned aircraft in the national airspace system.***

12 ➔Section 5. The General Assembly recognizes that the issue of unmanned aircraft  
13 system usage in the vicinity of critical infrastructure is a matter of national security, and  
14 recognizes that the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Homeland  
15 Security are establishing a uniform nationwide process to identify critical infrastructure  
16 facilities for the purpose of implementing unmanned aircraft system-restricted airspace  
17 above those facilities.