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AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 12-820.10; RELATING TO ACTIONS AGAINST PUBLIC ENTITIES OR
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 7, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-820.10, to read:

4 12-820.10. Unmanned aircraft operator; immunity; definitions

5 A. A PUBLIC ENTITY OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IS NOT LIABLE TO AN UNMANNED
6 AIRCRAFT OPERATOR FOR ANY INJURY CAUSED BY A PEACE OFFICER INTERCEPTING,
7 CAPTURING, DISABLING, SHOOTING, DESTROYING OR OTHERWISE RENDERING
8 INOPERATIVE AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT WITHIN THIRTY MILES OF THIS STATE'S
9 INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

10 B. UNLESS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PUBLIC
11 EMPLOYEE'S EMPLOYMENT INTENDED TO CAUSE INJURY TO A PERSON OR WAS GROSSLY
12 NEGLIGENT TO A PERSON, A PUBLIC ENTITY OR A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IS NOT LIABLE
13 FOR ANY INJURY TO A PERSON CAUSED BY A PEACE OFFICER INTERCEPTING,
14 CAPTURING, DISABLING, SHOOTING, DESTROYING OR OTHERWISE RENDERING
15 INOPERATIVE AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT WITHIN THIRTY MILES OF THIS STATE'S
16 INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

17 C. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IF
18 THE INJURY OR DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY A CONTRACTOR OF A PUBLIC ENTITY OR AN
19 EMPLOYEE OF THE CONTRACTOR ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT.

20 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

21 1. "PERSON":

22 (a) HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-215.

23 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OPERATOR.

24 2. "UNMANNED AIRCRAFT" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
25 13-3729.

26 3. "UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OPERATOR":

27 (a) MEANS A PERSON WHO OPERATES AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

28 (b) INCLUDES THE OWNER OF AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AND ANY PERSON OR
29 GROUP OF PERSONS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE PERSON WHO OPERATES THE
30 UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.