

AN ACT relating to the lawful taking of wildlife.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 150.363 is amended to read as follows:

(1) For purposes of this section:~~[-]~~

***(a)*** "computer-assisted remote hunting" means the use of a computer or any other device, equipment, or software to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a rifle, shotgun, handgun, bow and arrow, crossbow, or any other implement to hunt or harvest wildlife in the Commonwealth; ***and***

***(b)*** "Unmanned aircraft systems" means any aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to ***track***, hunt, or harvest wildlife in the Commonwealth by means of computer-assisted remote hunting ***or the utilization of unmanned aircraft systems.***

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to provide or operate a facility that allows others to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting of wildlife in the Commonwealth.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit or prohibit the hunting rights or privileges provided to citizens with disabilities pursuant to KRS 150.025, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Kentucky administrative regulations. Additionally, this section shall not be construed to prohibit a person who is physically impaired, to the degree that he or she cannot operate a device allowed for taking of game under Kentucky law, from taking game, subject to administrative regulations, with a device which is in the immediate vicinity of the permittee and which the permittee operates using remote-control technology other than the Internet.

➔Section 2. KRS 150.710 is amended to read as follows:

(1) No person shall intentionally obstruct or disrupt ***by any means*** the right of a person to lawfully take wildlife by hunting, trapping, or fishing.

- (2) *The use of unmanned aircraft systems as defined in Section 1 of this Act to conduct video surveillance of a person lawfully engaged in hunting, trapping, or fishing shall constitute obstruction within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section.*
- (3) The Attorney General or any person directly affected may bring an action to restrain conduct unlawful under this section and may bring an action to recover damages.
- ~~(4)~~(3) The officers of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, or any other peace officer, police officer, state police officer, or sheriff may enforce this section.
- ~~(5)~~(4) This section shall not apply to incidental interference with the taking of wildlife by hunting, trapping, or fishing caused by lawful activities including, but not limited to, farming, mining, or recreation.