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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1613

Introduced by

Representatives Hendrix, Christianson, Koppelman, VanWinkle, Toman

Senators Castaneda, Magrum, Paulson

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 29-01 of the North Dakota~~
2 ~~Century Code, relating to law enforcement use of a drone or robot.~~ for an Act to create and
3 enact a new section to chapter 29-29.4, relating to law enforcement use of a robot.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 ~~SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 29-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
6 ~~and enacted as follows:~~
7 ~~Use of drones and robots.~~
8 ~~1. A law enforcement officer may not use a drone or robot to:~~
9 ~~a. Issue or serve an arrest warrant or summons in lieu of a warrant upon complaint~~
10 ~~under Rule 4 of the North Dakota Rules of Criminal Procedure;~~
11 ~~b. Take an individual into custody in the manner authorized by law to answer for the~~
12 ~~commission of an offense;~~
13 ~~c. Conduct hostage negotiations;~~
14 ~~d. Manage traffic;~~
15 ~~e. Gather evidence of a crime without a warrant; or~~
16 ~~f. Monitor public events without a warrant.~~
17 ~~2. This section does not apply to the use of a drone or robot for search and rescue of a~~
18 ~~missing individual, disposal of a bomb, or crime scene analysis.~~

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1 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 29-29.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
2 and enacted as follows:

3 Use of robots.

4 1. The provisions of this chapter relating to unmanned aerial vehicles also apply to
5 the use of robots by law enforcement agencies.