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Sec. 14. MORATORIUM ON FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY

(a) Until the use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement officers is authorized by an enactment of the General Assembly, a law enforcement officer shall not use facial recognition technology or information acquired through the use of facial recognition technology unless the use would be permitted with respect to drones under 20 V.S.A. § 4622 (law enforcement use of drones).

(b) As used in this section:

(1) “Facial recognition” means:

(A) the automated or semi-automated process that identifies or attempts to identify a person based on the characteristics of the person’s face, including identification of known or unknown persons or groups; or

(B) the automated or semiautomated process by which the characteristics of a person’s face are analyzed to determine the person’s sentiment, state of mind, or other propensities, including the person’s level of dangerousness.

(2) “Facial recognition technology” means any computer software or application that performs facial recognition.

(3) “Law enforcement officer” has the same meaning as in 20 V.S.A. § 2351a.