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ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL No. 147

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Citations Affected: IC 35-47.

Synopsis: Regulation of laser pointers. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally direct light from a laser pointer at a public safety officer. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor for a person to manufacture, possess, display, offer, sell, lend, give away, or purchase any knife with a blade that may be propelled from the knife handle by hand pressure applied to a button, device containing gas, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

Meeks C, Long, Wyss

(HOUSE SPONSORS — COOK, AYRES, RUPPEL)

November 23, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.

January 13, 2000, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 18, 2000, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 20, 2000, read third time, passed. Yeas 47, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

January 27, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

February 16, 2000, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-47-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2000]:

4 **Chapter 4.5. Regulation of Laser Pointers**

5 **Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the use of a laser pointer:**

- 6 (1) for educational purposes by individuals engaged in an
7 organized meeting or training class; or
8 (2) during the normal course of work or trade activities.

9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "laser pointer" means a device**
10 **that emits light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation**
11 **that is visible to the human eye.**

12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer" means:**

- 13 (1) a state police officer;
14 (2) a county sheriff;
15 (3) a county police officer;
16 (4) a correctional officer;
17 (5) an excise police officer;

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- 1 **(6) a county police reserve officer;**
- 2 **(7) a city police officer;**
- 3 **(8) a city police reserve officer;**
- 4 **(9) a conservation enforcement officer;**
- 5 **(10) a town marshal;**
- 6 **(11) a deputy town marshal;**
- 7 **(12) a state university police officer appointed under**
- 8 **IC 20-12-3.5;**
- 9 **(13) a probation officer;**
- 10 **(14) a firefighter (as defined in IC 9-18-34-1);**
- 11 **(15) an emergency medical technician; or**
- 12 **(16) a paramedic.**

13 **Sec. 4. A person who knowingly or intentionally directs light**
 14 **from a laser pointer at a public safety officer without the consent**
 15 **of the public safety officer commits a Class B misdemeanor.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 35-47-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 2. It is a Class B
 18 misdemeanor for a person to manufacture, possess, display, offer, sell,
 19 lend, give away, or purchase any knife with a blade that:

- 20 **(1) opens automatically; or**
- 21 **(2) may be propelled from the knife handle;**
- 22 by hand pressure applied to a button, **device containing gas**, spring, or
- 23 other device in the handle of the knife.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 147, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, after line 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 35-47-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 2. It is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to manufacture, possess, display, offer, sell, lend, give away, or purchase any knife with a blade that:

(1) opens automatically; or

(2) **may be propelled from the knife handle;**

by hand pressure applied to a button, **device containing gas**, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 147 as introduced.)

MEEKS R, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred Senate Bill 147, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

DVORAK, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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