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## HOUSE BILL No. 1015

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DIGEST OF HB 1015 (Updated January 18, 2000 4:41 PM - DI 100)

**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 law enforcement officer in a certain manner.

**Effective:** July 1, 2000.

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**Cook, Ayres, Ruppel**

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November 23, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.  
January 13, 2000, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
January 18, 2000, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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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 *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

## HOUSE BILL No. 1015

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:**

- 11 (1) light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation that  
12 is visible to the human eye; or  
13 (2) any other electromagnetic radiation.

14 **Sec. 3. A person who knowingly or intentionally directs light or  
15 any other electromagnetic radiation from a laser pointer at a law  
16 enforcement officer in a manner that:**

- 17 (1) harasses;

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- 1           **(2) endangers; or**
- 2           **(3) causes reasonable apprehension or fear of bodily harm to;**
- 3           **the law enforcement officer commits a Class B misdemeanor.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1015, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 17, delete "Class A" and insert "**Class B**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1015 as introduced.)

DVORAK, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1015 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 11, line block indent and insert:  
"that emits:

- (1) light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation that is visible to the human eye; or
- (2) any other electromagnetic radiation."

Page 1, line 12, after "light" insert "or any other electromagnetic radiation".

(Reference is to HB 1015 as printed January 14, 2000.)

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