

SENATE BILL No. 147

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-47-4.5.

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.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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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.**

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