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SENATE DRS35078-LH-21 (1/20)

Short Title: No Lasers Pointed at Planes.

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Sponsors: Senator Rand.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF UNAUTHORIZED LASER  
3 ILLUMINATION OF AN AIRCRAFT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 36 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 **"§ 14-282.1. Unauthorized laser illumination of an aircraft.**

8 (a) The following definitions apply to this section:

9 (1) "Aircraft" is as defined in G.S. 63-1.

10 (2) "Laser" is as defined in G.S. 14-34.8.

11 (b) Any person who, intentionally and without legal authorization, illuminates an  
12 aircraft with a laser while the aircraft is taking off, landing, or in flight is guilty of a  
13 Class H felony."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to  
15 offenses committed on or after that date.