

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 428**

Short Title: No Lasers Pointed at Planes. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Rand; Albertson, Apodaca, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Boseman, Clodfelter, Cowell, Dalton, Dannelly, Garrou, Graham, Holloman, Horton, Hoyle, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lucas, Malone, Purcell, Snow, Soles, Swindell, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Judiciary I.

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March 9, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

(a) The following definitions apply to this section:

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

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

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

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