

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 428
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 5/31/05
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/6/05

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

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF
3 A LASER DEVICE TOWARDS 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 **"§ 14-280.2. Use of a laser device towards an aircraft.**

8 (a) Any person who, willfully points a laser device at an aircraft, while the
9 device is emitting a laser beam, and while the aircraft is taking off, landing, in flight, or
10 otherwise in motion, is guilty of a Class H felony.

11 (b) The following definitions apply to this section:

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

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

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