

By Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the misuse of hand-held
3 laser lighting devices; creating s. 784.062,
4 F.S.; defining the term "laser lighting
5 device"; providing that it is a second-degree
6 misdemeanor for a person to knowingly and
7 willfully shine the beam of a laser lighting
8 device at a law enforcement officer under
9 specified circumstances; providing penalties;
10 providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 784.062, Florida Statutes, is
15 created to read:

16 784.062 Misuse of laser lighting devices.--

17 (1) As used in this section, the term "laser lighting
18 device" means a hand-held device, not affixed to a firearm,
19 which emits a laser beam that is designed to be used by the
20 operator as a pointer or highlighter to indicate, mark, or
21 identify a specific position, place, item, or object.

22 (2) Any person who knowingly and willfully shines,
23 points, or focuses the beam of a laser lighting device at a
24 law enforcement officer, engaged in the performance of his or
25 her official duties, in such a manner that would cause a
26 reasonable person to believe that a firearm is pointed at him
27 or her commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
28 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Makes it a second-degree misdemeanor for any person to knowingly and willfully shine, point, or focus the beam of certain laser lighting devices at any law enforcement officer under specified circumstances.