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An act relating to the misuse of laser lighting devices; amending s. 784.062, F.S.; providing that any person who knowingly and willingly aims a laser lighting device at a person operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or airplane commits a felony of the third degree; providing that any person who causes bodily harm while improperly pointing the laser lighting device at the operator of a motor vehicle, vessel, or airplane commits a felony of the second degree; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 784.062, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(1) As used in this section, the term "laser lighting

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 device" means a hand-held device, not affixed to a firearm, which emits a laser beam that is designed to be used by the operator as a pointer or highlighter to indicate, mark, or identify a specific position, place, item, or object.

(2) Any person who knowingly and willfully shines, points, or focuses the beam of a laser lighting device at a law enforcement officer, engaged in the performance of his or her official duties, in such a manner that would cause a reasonable person to believe that a firearm is pointed at him or her commits a noncriminal violation, punishable as provided in s.

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- (3)(a) Any person who knowingly and willfully shines, points, or focuses the beam of a laser lighting device on an individual operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or airplane commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (b) Any person who knowingly and willfully shines, points, or focuses the beam of a laser lighting device on an individual operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or airplane and such act results in bodily injury commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.