

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

S

1

SENATE BILL 348

Short Title: Stop Misuse of Laser Pointers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester and Carpenter.

Referred to: Health Care.

March 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISUSE OF LASER DEVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 8 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-34.8. Criminal use of laser device.

(a) For purposes of this section, the term 'laser' means light amplification by simulated emission of radiation.

(b) It is unlawful intentionally to point a laser device at another person while the device is emitting a laser beam.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(d) This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer who uses a laser device in discharging or attempting to discharge the officer's official duties. This section does not apply to a person who is licensed or otherwise authorized by law to use a laser device in the person's profession if the laser device is used by the person in discharging or attempting to discharge the person's official duties."

Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1999, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.