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SENATE BILL 348
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 4/19/99

Short Title: Stop Misuse of Laser Pointers.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISUSE OF LASER DEVICES.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "**§ 14-34.8. Criminal use of laser device.**

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

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

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

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

17 (e) This section does not apply to laser tag and similar games and devices using
18 light emitting diode (LED) technology."

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