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By: ~~Senator Green~~ Senators Green and Forehand
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Laser Pointers - Prohibited**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling, giving, or offering to sell or give
4 a laser pointer to a minor; prohibiting the use of laser pointers under certain
5 circumstances; providing exceptions to the prohibition on the use of laser
6 pointers; providing a penalty for violating certain provisions; defining a certain
7 ~~terms~~ term; and generally relating to the use of laser pointers.

8 BY adding to
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 353 to be under the new subheading "Laser Pointers"
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 LASER POINTERS

17 353.

18 (A) ~~(1)~~ IN THIS SECTION ~~THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
19 ~~INDICATED.~~

1 (2) "LASER POINTER" MEANS ANY DEVICE THAT EMITS LIGHT
2 AMPLIFIED BY THE STIMULATED EMISSION OF RADIATION THAT IS VISIBLE TO THE
3 HUMAN EYE.

4 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, GIVE, OR OFFER TO SELL OR GIVE A LASER
5 POINTER TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

6 (C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN
7 INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT USE A LASER POINTER IN A PUBLIC PLACE ~~OR~~ TO WILLFULLY
8 ILLUMINATE A MOTOR VEHICLE OR INDIVIDUAL.

9 (D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO THE USE OF A
10 LASER POINTER;

11 (1) FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN AN
12 ORGANIZED MEETING OR TRAINING CLASS; OR

13 (2) DURING THE NORMAL COURSE OF WORK OR TRADE ACTIVITIES.

14 (E) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
15 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1999.