

# HB3599



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3599

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Michelle Mussman

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/26-7

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person commits disorderly conduct with a laser or laser pointer when he or she intentionally or knowingly aims a laser or laser pointer at a person or at a person's residence without the consent of that person. provides that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by  
5 changing Section 26-7 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/26-7)

7 Sec. 26-7. Disorderly conduct with a laser or laser  
8 pointer.

9 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section:

10 "Aircraft" means any contrivance now known or  
11 hereafter invented, used, or designed for navigation of or  
12 flight in the air, but excluding parachutes.

13 "Laser" means both of the following:

14 (1) any device that utilizes the natural  
15 oscillations of atoms or molecules between energy  
16 levels for generating coherent electromagnetic  
17 radiation in the ultraviolet, visible, or infrared  
18 region of the spectrum and when discharged exceeds one  
19 milliwatt continuous wave;

20 (2) any device designed or used to amplify  
21 electromagnetic radiation by simulated emission that  
22 is visible to the human eye.

23 "Laser pointer" means a hand-held device that emits

1 light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation  
2 that is visible to the human eye.

3 "Laser sight" means a laser pointer that can be  
4 attached to a firearm and can be used to improve the  
5 accuracy of the firearm.

6 (b) A person commits disorderly conduct with a laser or  
7 laser pointer when he or she intentionally or knowingly:

8 (1) aims an operating laser pointer at a person he or  
9 she knows or reasonably should know to be a peace officer;

10 or

11 (2) aims and discharges a laser or other device that  
12 creates visible light into the cockpit of an aircraft that  
13 is in the process of taking off, landing, or is in flight;  
14 or

15 (3) aims a laser or laser pointer at a person or at a  
16 person's residence without the consent of that person.

17 (c) Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) does not apply to the  
18 following individuals who aim and discharge a laser or other  
19 device at an aircraft:

20 (1) an authorized individual in the conduct of  
21 research and development or flight test operations  
22 conducted by an aircraft manufacturer, the Federal  
23 Aviation Administration, or any other person authorized by  
24 the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct this  
25 research and development or flight test operations; or

26 (2) members or elements of the Department of Defense

1           or Department of Homeland Security acting in an official  
2           capacity for the purpose of research, development,  
3           operations, testing, or training.

4           (d) Sentence. Disorderly conduct with a laser or laser  
5           pointer is a Class A misdemeanor.

6           (Source: P.A. 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13.)