

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1400

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Aircraft
3 Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST AIMING A LASER POINTER**
5 **AT AN AIRCRAFT.**

6 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 2 of title 18, United States
7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“§ 39. Aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft**

9 “(a) Whoever knowingly aims the beam of a laser
10 pointer at an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction
11 of the United States, or at the flight path of such an air-
12 craft, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not
13 more than 5 years, or both.

14 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘laser pointer’
15 means any device designed or used to amplify electro-
16 magnetic radiation by stimulated emission that emits a
17 beam designed to be used by the operator as a pointer
18 or highlighter to indicate, mark, or identify a specific posi-
19 tion, place, item, or object.”.

20 (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The
21 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 18,

- 1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 2 following new item:

“39. Aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft.”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 8,
2005.

Attest:

Clerk.

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