

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1400

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. KELLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST AIMING A LASER POINTER**

7 **AT AN AIRCRAFT.**

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

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

2 “Whoever knowingly aims a laser pointer at an air-
3 craft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United
4 States, or at the flight path of such an aircraft, shall be
5 fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years,
6 or both.”.

7 (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The
8 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 18,
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
10 following new item:

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

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