

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1400

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2005

Received

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:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.