

Union Calendar No. 137

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1400

[Report No. 109-250]

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

OCTOBER 18, 2005

Additional sponsors: Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. COBLE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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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,*

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

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

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22 **AT AN AIRCRAFT.**

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

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

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

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