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SENATE BILL 428
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 5/31/05

Short Title: No Lasers Pointed at Planes.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF UNAUTHORIZED
3 DISCHARGE OF LASER AT AN AIRCRAFT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 36 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 14-280A. Discharge of laser at an aircraft.**

8 (a) Any person who, intentionally and without legal authorization, discharges a
9 laser at an aircraft while the aircraft is taking off, landing, or in flight, is guilty of a
10 Class H felony.

11 (b) The following definitions apply to this section:

12 (1) "Aircraft" is as defined in G.S. 63-1.

13 (2) "Laser" is as defined in G.S. 14-34.8."

14 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to
15 offenses committed on or after that date.