

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 492 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY COSTA, MELLOW, MUSTO, WAUGH, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA,
LOGAN AND STACK, FEBRUARY 15, 2001

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the pointing of laser
3 beams at law enforcement officers or firefighters.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2705 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2705. Recklessly endangering another person.

9 [A] (a) Misdemeanor of the second degree.--Except as
10 provided in subsection (b), a person commits a misdemeanor of
11 the second degree if he recklessly engages in conduct which
12 places or may place another person in danger of death or serious
13 bodily injury.

14 (b) Laser beams used against law enforcement officers or
15 firefighters.--A person commits a felony of the third degree if
16 he, while acting in an unofficial capacity, subjects the eyes of
17 a law enforcement officer or a firefighter to a laser beam.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.