

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 489 Session of 2011

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TARTAGLIONE, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the illegal use of laser
3 pointer.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 5518. Use of laser pointer.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if that
10 person knowingly, with the intent to harass, annoy or alarm,
11 shines a laser pointer at another person.

12 (b) Grading.--

13 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), an offense
14 under subsection (a) is a summary offense.

15 (2) If the offense in subsection (a) is committed
16 against a person operating a motor vehicle, the offense shall
17 be a misdemeanor of the third degree.

18 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "laser

1 pointer" means a handheld device that emits a laser beam.

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