
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 398 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, COSTA, LEMMOND, RAFFERTY, ORIE, WAUGH,
WOZNIAK, TARTAGLIONE AND LOGAN, MARCH 4, 2003

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 4, 2003

AN ACT

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

9 (a) Offense defined.--Except as provided in subsection (b),
10 a person commits a summary offense if he knowingly, with the
11 intent to harass, annoy or alarm, shines a laser pointer at
12 another person.

13 (b) Grading.--If the offense in subsection (a) is committed
14 against a police officer, the offense shall be a misdemeanor of
15 the third degree.

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