
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 850 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA AND COSTA,
APRIL 27, 1999

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 27, 1999

AN ACT

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