

In the Senate of the United States,

December 22 (legislative day, December 21), 2005.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1400) entitled “An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERFERING WITH***
2 ***FLIGHT CREWS THROUGH USE OF LASER***
3 ***POINTERS OR SIMILAR DEVICES.***

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 465 of title 49, United*
5 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

6 ***“§ 46508. Interference with flight crew vision***

7 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual who interferes*
8 *with, or attempts to interfere with, the ability of the flight*
9 *crew of an aircraft in flight to see, or otherwise to impair*
10 *the safe operation of an aircraft in flight, by illuminating*

1 *the aircraft with a laser pointer or similar device shall be*
2 *fined under title 18, imprisoned for not more than 5 years,*
3 *or both.*

4 “(b) *EXCEPTIONS.*—Subsection (a) does not apply to
5 *the illumination of aircraft by laser or other devices by—*

6 “(1) *an authorized individual in the conduct of*
7 *research and development or flight test operations*
8 *conducted by an aircraft manufacturer, the Federal*
9 *Aviation Administration, or any other person author-*
10 *ized by the Federal Aviation Administration to con-*
11 *duct such research and development or flight test op-*
12 *erations;*

13 “(2) *members or elements of the Department of*
14 *Defense acting in an official capacity for the purpose*
15 *of research, development, operations, testing or train-*
16 *ing; or*

17 “(3) *by an individual using a laser emergency*
18 *signaling device to send an emergency distress sig-*
19 *nal.”.*

- 1 *(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis*
- 2 *for chapter 465 of title 49, United States Code, is amended*
- 3 *by adding at the end the following:*

“46508. Interference with flight crew vision”.

Attest:

Secretary.

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