

AN ACT CONCERNING LASER POINTERS

(sHB 6975 - File 536, as amended by Senate "A")

This bill, with exceptions, prohibits people from leasing, giving, selling or offering to sell, or otherwise providing laser pointers to minors under age 18 and it prohibits such minors from possessing them on school grounds or in any public place. The bills allow temporary transfers of laser pointers for educational or other lawful purposes to minors who are directly supervised by a parent, legal guardian, teacher, employer, or other responsible adult.

The bill also prohibits anyone from shining, pointing, or focusing a laser pointer directly or indirectly at or on anyone if the action can reasonably be expected to harass, annoy, or cause the person to fear injury. A violation is an infraction.

The bill defines "laser pointer" as a hand-held device that emits a laser light beam and is designed to be used by the operator to indicate, mark, or identify a specific position, place, item, or object.