



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 154

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- 1 **AN ACT to create** 941.299 of the statutes; **relating to:** restrictions on the use of
2 laser pointers and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides various restrictions on acts that endanger public health and safety. Among the acts covered by these restrictions are tampering with household products, placing foreign objects in edibles and possessing or using certain weapons or devices that imitate or look like certain weapons. For instance, current law, with certain exceptions, prohibits a person from carrying or displaying a facsimile firearm in a manner that could reasonably be expected to alarm, intimidate, threaten or terrify another person. This prohibition applies to a replica of a firearm, a toy firearm, a starter pistol or any other object that bears a reasonable resemblance to or that reasonably can be perceived to be an actual firearm. A person who violates the prohibition may be subject to a forfeiture (a civil monetary penalty) of not more than \$500.

This bill creates restrictions on the use of laser pointers. Under the bill, no person may do any of the following with a laser pointer: 1) intentionally and for no legitimate purpose direct a beam of light from the laser pointer at any part of the body of any human being; 2) direct a beam of light from the laser pointer in a manner that could reasonably be expected to alarm, intimidate, threaten or terrify another person; or 3) direct a beam of light from a laser pointer in a manner that, under the circumstances, tends to disrupt any public or private event or create or provoke a

