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Misha:

Please note the following when reviewing this draft:

1. I modified the definition of "laser pointer" slightly to make it clear that what has to be visible to the human eye is the light emitted by the device, not the process of stimulating emission of radiation. For consistency with the substantive prohibition in the draft, the definition also refers to a "beam" of light.

2. Instead of using "without good cause", this draft uses "for no legitimate purpose" because the latter phrase is used in the criminal code (while the former is not) and it seems slightly more objective. You may want to consider whether there is ever any legitimate purpose (or good cause) for aiming a laser pointer at a law enforcement officer.

3. The draft covers federal, state and local law enforcement officers. Is that your intent?

Please let me know if you have any questions or changes.

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