

BILL HISTORY FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 154 (LRB -1895)

An Act to create 941.299 of the statutes; relating to: restrictions on the use of laser pointers and providing a penalty.

1999

03-04. A. Introduced by Representatives **La Fave, Kaufert, Ryba, Musser, Hasenohrl, Albers, Black, Sinicki and Riley;**
cosponsored by Senator **Roessler.**

03-04. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Criminal Justice 99

05-06. A. Public hearing held.

05-17. A. Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered by Representative **Goetsch (LRB s0073)** 189

05-20. A. Executive action taken.

05-20. A. Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered by committee on Criminal Justice
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06-08. A. Report Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 adoption recommended by
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06-08. A. Report Assembly substitute amendment 1 adoption recommended by committee on Criminal
Justice, Ayes 14, Noes 0 221

06-08. A. Report passage as amended recommended by committee on Criminal Justice, Ayes 14, Noes 0 222

06-08. A. Referred to committee on Rules 222

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03-23. A. Placed on calendar 3-28-2000 by committee on Rules.

03-28. A. Read a second time 856

03-28. A. Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 **adopted** 856

03-28. A. Assembly substitute amendment 1 **adopted** 856

03-28. A. Ordered to a third reading 856

03-28. A. Rules suspended 857

03-28. A. Read a third time and **passed** 857

03-28. A. Ordered immediately messaged 857

03-29. S. Received from Assembly 550

03-29. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs 550

03-30. S. Rules suspended and taken up.

03-30. S. Read a second time.

03-30. S. Ordered to a third reading.

03-30. S. Rules suspended.

03-30. S. Read a third time and **concurred in.**

03-30. S. Ordered immediately messaged.

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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 154**

May 17, 1999 – Offered by Representative GOETSCH.

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

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 941.299 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **941.299 Restrictions on the use of laser pointers.** (1) In this section:

5 (a) “Correctional officer” has the meaning given in s. 941.237 (1) (b).

6 (b) “Laser pointer” means a hand-held device that uses light amplification by
7 stimulated emission of radiation to emit a beam of light that is visible to the human
8 eye.

9 (c) “Law enforcement officer” means a Wisconsin law enforcement officer, as
10 defined in s. 175.46 (1) (g), or a federal law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 175.40
11 (7) (a) 1.

12 (2) No person may do any of the following:

Intentionally direct

1 (a) Intentionally direct a beam of light from a laser pointer at any part of the
2 body of a correctional officer or law enforcement officer without the officer's consent,
3 if the person knows or has reason to know that the victim is a correctional officer or
4 law enforcement officer who is acting in an official capacity.

5 (b) Intentionally and for no legitimate purpose direct a beam of light from a
6 laser pointer at any part of the body of any human being.

7 ✓ (c) ~~Direct~~ a beam of light from a laser pointer in a manner that could reasonably
8 be expected to alarm, intimidate, threaten or terrify another person.

9 ✓ (d) ~~Direct~~ a beam of light from a laser pointer in a manner that, under the
10 circumstances, tends to disrupt any public or private event or create or provoke a
11 disturbance.

12 (3) (a) Whoever violates sub. (2) (a) is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

13 (b) Whoever violates sub. (2) (b), (c) or (d) is subject to a Class B forfeiture.

14 (c) A person may be charged with a violation of sub. (2) (a) or (b) or both for an
15 act involving the same victim. If the person is charged with violating both sub. (2)
16 (a) and (b) with respect to the same victim, the charges shall be joined. If the person
17 is found guilty of both sub. (2) (a) and (b) for an act involving the same victim, the
18 charge under sub. (2) (b) shall be dismissed and the person may be sentenced only
19 under sub. (2) (a).

20 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) This act first applies to offenses occurring on the effective date of this
22 subsection.

23 (END)

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 154**

May 20, 1999 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 ✓ 1. Page 2, line 7: delete "Direct" and substitute "Intentionally direct".

3 ✓ 2. Page 2, line 9: delete "Direct" and substitute "Intentionally direct".

4 (END)