



**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:

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)**