CHAPTER 1008

ASSAULTS INVOLVING A LASER POINTED TOWARD AIRCRAFT

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AN ACT relating to an assault involving a laser pointed toward an aircraft, and making penalties applicable.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 708.1, subsection 2, paragraph d, subparagraph (1), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(1) (a) Intentionally points a laser emitting a visible light beam ~~at~~ toward another person with the intent to cause pain or injury to another, or toward an aircraft. ~~For purposes of this paragraph, "*laser*" means a device that emits a visible light beam amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation and any light which simulates the appearance of a laser.~~

(b) For purposes of this subparagraph (1):

(i) "*Aircraft*" means any contrivance intended for and capable of transporting persons through the airspace.

(ii) "*Laser*" means a device that emits a visible light beam amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation and any light which simulates the appearance of a laser.

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