

House Study Bill 53 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC DEFENSE BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an assault involving a laser pointed toward
2 an aircraft, and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

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

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

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

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

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to an assault involving a laser pointed
19 toward an aircraft.

20 The bill provides that it is an assault for a person to
21 intentionally point a laser emitting a visible light beam
22 toward an aircraft. The bill defines "aircraft" as any
23 contrivance intended for and capable of transporting persons
24 through the airspace.

25 Penalties for assault range from a simple misdemeanor to a
26 class "C" felony.