

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 24—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits person from directing light emitted from laser pointer into or through certain places and at certain persons under certain circumstances. (BDR 15-16)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to crimes; prohibiting a person from directing light emitted from a laser pointer into or through certain places and at certain persons under certain circumstances; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 202 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in this section and sections 3 and 4 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, “laser pointer” means a device that emits light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation that is visible to the human eye. The term includes, without limitation, a laser scope intended for use with a firearm.*

Sec. 3. 1. *A person shall not knowingly direct light emitted from a laser pointer into or through a public place or at another person in a manner that would cause a reasonable person apprehension or fear of bodily harm, unless the person does so for a valid and lawful purpose.*

2. *A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

Sec. 4. 1. *A person shall not knowingly direct light emitted from a laser pointer at a uniformed peace officer, security guard, traffic officer, firefighter, emergency medical attendant or ambulance driver or attendant.*

1 **2. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a**
2 **gross misdemeanor.**

3 **3. As used in this section:**

4 **(a) "Emergency medical attendant" has the meaning ascribed to it in**
5 **NRS 41.139.**

6 **(b) "Security guard" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 648.016.**

7 **Sec. 5.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
8 committed before October 1, 2001.

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