

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 307—ASSEMBLYMEN CLABORN, ANDERSON, KOIVISTO, ARBERRY, BUCKLEY, CONKLIN, GOEDHART, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, LESLIE, MANENDO, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, SMITH AND STEWART

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS BEERS, HARDY, HORSFORD, MCGINNESS, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TITUS, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits the use of certain lasers and other light sources to interfere with the operation of an aircraft. (BDR 15-1181)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 the use of certain lasers and other light sources to interfere with the operation of an aircraft; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill prohibits the willful use of a laser device or other similar light source
- 2 with the intent to interfere with the operation of an aircraft. A violation of the
- 3 provisions of this bill that does not result in injury to any person on the aircraft or
- 4 damage to the aircraft is a misdemeanor. A violation that does result in injury to
- 5 any person on the aircraft or damage to the aircraft or any equipment used to assist
- 6 in the navigation or operation of the aircraft is a category E felony.



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 a new section to read as follows:

1. A person shall not willfully direct at an aircraft any light emitted from a laser device or other source which is capable of interfering with the vision of a person operating the aircraft with the intent to interfere with the operation of the aircraft.

2. A person who violates this section:

(a) If the violation does not result in injury to any person on the aircraft or damage to the aircraft, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) If the violation results in injury to any person on the aircraft or damage to the aircraft or any equipment used to assist in the navigation or operation of the aircraft, is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

3. As used in this section:

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

(b) "Laser device" means a device that uses the natural oscillations of atoms or molecules between energy levels for generating coherent electromagnetic radiation in the ultraviolet, visible or infrared region of the spectrum and when discharged exceeds one milliwatt continuous wave.

