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By Senators Heavey, Fairley, Costa, Goings, Eide, Kline and Sheahan

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1            AN ACT Relating to laser pointers; adding a new section to chapter  
2 9.41 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) It is unlawful for any person to direct light from a laser  
7 pointer at a school bus driver, transit driver, or other public  
8 transportation employee in the performance of his or her duties, or the  
9 marked service vehicle of any such individual.

10           (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 civil  
11 infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW.

12           (3) For the purposes of this section, "laser pointer" means any  
13 device that emits light amplified by the stimulated emission of  
14 radiation that is visible to the human eye.

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