
SENATE BILL 5849

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By Senators Haugen and Fraser

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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 uniformed police officer, uniformed security guard,
8 uniformed school safety officer, uniformed traffic enforcement officer,
9 uniformed member of a paid or volunteer fire department, uniformed
10 emergency medical service worker, uniformed ambulance worker, or other
11 uniformed city, state, or federal peace officer, investigator, or
12 emergency service worker, or the marked service vehicle of any such
13 individual.

14 (2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable under
15 RCW 9.92.030.

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

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