

2086-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Representatives Esser, Carrell, O'Brien,
Constantine, Lovick, Schindler and Anderson)

Brief Title: Creating crimes of unlawful discharge of a laser.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that laser devices are being used by individuals in a manner so as to intimidate and harass. This creates an especially serious problem for law enforcement officers who reasonably believe they are the target of a laser sighting device on a firearm. Additionally, emergency service providers, service providers, and others who operate aircraft or motor vehicles may be annoyed or affected to the point of jeopardizing their safety as well as the safety of others.

Provides that, in order to address the misuse of lasers, the legislature hereby finds it necessary to criminalize the discharge of lasers under certain circumstances.