

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999
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As Engrossed: H2/12/99

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1343

5 By: Representatives M. Smith, Ammons, Bennett, Bledsoe, Elliott, Gillespie, Green, Haak, Hausam,
6 Hendren, House, Hunt, Magnus, Morris, Pappas, Parks, Prater, Rackley, Rodgers, Taylor, T. Thomas,
7 Wilkins, Womack, Wood, *Bond, Broadway, Buchanan, Bush, Carson, Cleveland, Cook, Dees, Faris,*
8 *Glover, Gullett, Hathorn, G. Jeffress, C. Johnson, Jones, Judy, King, Laverty, Lendall, Milum,*
9 *Oglesby, Salmon, Seawel, Teague, W. Walker, White, Willis*
10 By: Senator Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

14 "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF HAND-HELD LASER
15 POINTERS TO MINORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

18 "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF HAND-HELD
19 LASER POINTERS TO MINORS. "

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. (a) It is unlawful to sell a hand-held laser pointer to a
25 person under eighteen (18) years of age.

26 (b) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a violation
27 punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).
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29 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
30 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
31 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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33 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
36 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
4 hereby repealed.

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6 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
7 Eighty-second General Assembly that the misuse of hand-held laser pointers can
8 cause serious injuries to the eye; that hand-held laser pointers can be
9 mistaken for targeting devices on firearms; that the devices are relatively
10 cheap and readily available to minors; and that most of the misuse of these
11 devices has been by minors. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and
12 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
13 health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the
14 Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it
15 shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which
16 the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
17 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
18 overrides the veto.

19 /s/ M. Smith, et al
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