

March 15, 1999

S 348. STOP MISUSE OF LASER POINTERS. TO PROHIBIT THE MISUSE OF LASER DEVICES. Adds a new GS 14-34.8 to make it unlawful to point a laser device at another person intentionally while the device is emitting radiation. Makes violation a Class 1 misdemeanor. Defines 'laser' as light amplification by simulated emission of radiation. Exempts the use of a laser device by a law enforcement officer who uses it in attempting to discharge official duties or by someone who uses it in carrying out the person's professional duties. Effective Dec. 1, 1999 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Forrester and Carpenter.

Ref. to Health Care

GS 14

April 19, 1999

S 348. STOP MISUSE OF LASER POINTERS. Intro. 3/15/1999. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Revises proposed GS 14-34.8 to provide that section does not apply to laser tag and similar games and devices using light-emitting diode (LED) technology.

July 14, 1999

S 348. STOP MISUSE OF LASER POINTERS. Intro. 3/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes it unlawful to intentionally point a laser device at a law enforcement officer, or at the head or face of another person, (was, at another person) while the device is emitting a laser beam. Rewrites second exception to new statute to specify that it does not apply (1) to a health care professional who uses a laser device in providing services within the scope of practice of that professional nor (2) to any other person who is licensed or authorized by law to use a laser device and uses it in the performance of the person's official duties. (Was, to a person who is licensed or otherwise authorized by law to use a laser device in the person's profession if the laser device is used by the person in discharging or attempting to discharge the person's official duties.)

July 19, 1999

S 348. STOP MISUSE OF LASER POINTERS. Intro. 3/15/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Makes violation of new statute added by act an infraction rather than a Class 1 misdemeanor; specifies that statute does not apply to laser tag, paintball guns, and other similar games and devices using light emitting (LED) technology (underlined provision added); and provides that new statute does not apply to any person who is licensed or authorized by law to use a laser device or (was, and) uses it in the performance of the person's official duties.