

~~terms~~ term; and generally relating to the use of laser pointers.

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 353 to be under the new subheading “Laser Pointers”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

LASER POINTERS

353.

(A) ~~(1)~~ IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

~~(2)~~, “LASER POINTER” MEANS ANY DEVICE THAT EMITS LIGHT AMPLIFIED BY THE STIMULATED EMISSION OF RADIATION THAT IS VISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE.

~~(B)~~ A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, GIVE, OR OFFER TO SELL OR GIVE A LASER POINTER TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

~~(C)~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(D)~~ OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT USE A LASER POINTER IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR TO WILLFULLY ILLUMINATE A MOTOR VEHICLE OR INDIVIDUAL.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY USE A LASER POINTER TO ILLUMINATE IN A PUBLIC PLACE ANOTHER PERSON IN A MANNER THAT HARASSES OR ENDANGERS THE OTHER PERSON.

~~(D)~~ (C) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO THE USE OF A LASER POINTER:

(1) FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BY INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN AN ORGANIZED MEETING OR TRAINING CLASS; OR

(2) DURING THE NORMAL COURSE OF WORK OR TRADE ACTIVITIES.

~~(E)~~ (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$1,000~~ \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.