

By: Representative Ellington

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1052

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE HARASSING USE OF LASER POINTING
2 DEVICES; TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION BY MINORS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES
3 FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) It shall be unlawful for a person
6 intentionally and without legal justification to focus, point, or
7 aim a laser beam directly or indirectly at another person or
8 animal in such a manner as to harass, annoy, or injure such person
9 or animal.

10 (2) It shall be unlawful for a person under eighteen (18)
11 years of age to possess a laser pointing device unless the
12 possession of such device is necessary for his or her education,
13 employment, trade or occupation and it is necessary that such
14 device be carried on his or her person.

15 (3) Violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor and,
16 upon conviction, shall be punishable with a fine not to exceed
17 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). If a laser beam is intentionally
18 pointed at a law enforcement officer or fire fighter who is
19 identifiable in uniform and in performance of his or her duties,
20 then the fine shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00).

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2003.

