

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2597: Laser pointers; restrict possession and criminalize pointing of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
7 Gary Funchess Act.

8 **SECTION 2.** (1) It shall be unlawful for a person
9 intentionally and without legal justification to focus, point or
10 aim a laser beam directly or indirectly at a law enforcement
11 officer, fire fighter or any emergency personnel who is in uniform
12 and engaged in the performance of official duty in such a manner
13 as to harass, annoy or injure such law enforcement officer, fire
14 fighter or emergency personnel.

15 (2) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a
16 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than One
17 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

18 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE GARY FUNCHESS ACT; TO PROHIBIT FOCUSING
2 OF A LASER BEAM WHEN DIRECTED AT AN ON-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT
3 OFFICER, FIRE FIGHTER OR ANY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL; TO ENACT
4 PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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