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**SENATE BILL 23-095**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CRIMINALIZING UNLAWFULLY POINTING A LASER DEVICE**  
102 **AT AN AIRCRAFT.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates a class 6 felony for a person who knowingly points, focuses, or aims a laser device at an aircraft.

The bill provides exemptions for a person who points a laser device at an aircraft under certain circumstances.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 7, 2023

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 6, 2023

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 22, 2023

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
February 21, 2023

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-3-210 as  
3 follows:

4 **18-3-210. Unlawfully aiming a laser device at an aircraft -**  
5 **definitions.** (1) A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY POINTS, FOCUSES, OR AIMS  
6 THE BEAM OF A LASER DEVICE AT AN AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT OR ON THE  
7 GROUND WHILE OCCUPIED, AND THE INCIDENT IS REPORTED BY THE PILOT  
8 OR A CREW MEMBER OF THE IMPACTED AIRCRAFT TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
9 OFFICER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF  
10 UNLAWFULLY AIMING A LASER DEVICE AT AN AIRCRAFT, WHICH IS A CLASS  
11 6 FELONY.

12 (2) THE OFFENSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION  
13 DOES NOT APPLY IF THE PERSON:

14 (a) IS AN AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND  
15 DEVELOPMENT OR FLIGHT TEST OPERATIONS FOR AN AIRCRAFT  
16 MANUFACTURER OR THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, OR ANY  
17 OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
18 TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OR FLIGHT TEST OPERATIONS;

19 (b) IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
20 OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ACTING IN  
21 AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT,  
22 OPERATIONS, TESTING, OR TRAINING; OR

23 (c) USES A LASER DEVICE WITH THE INTENT OF SENDING AN  
24 EMERGENCY DISTRESS SIGNAL.

25 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
26 REQUIRES:

27 (a) "AIRCRAFT" MEANS A DEVICE MANNED BY A PERSON THAT IS

1 USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR FLIGHT IN THE AIR.

2 (b) "LASER DEVICE" MEANS ANY DEVICE DESIGNED OR USED TO  
3 AMPLIFY ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION BY STIMULATED EMISSION THAT  
4 EMITS A BEAM IN THE ULTRAVIOLET, VISIBLE, OR INFRARED REGION OF THE  
5 SPECTRUM.

6 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
7 July 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

8 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.