

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 87

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Knight

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Aiming laser at aircraft

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would make it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly and intentionally project a point of light from a laser, laser gun sight, or any device that simulates a laser at an aircraft.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications:

Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2011), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$29.98 per inmate, per day in FY 2010.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 3/7/2012

Document: G:\LEGIS\fis-12\hb87er.doc Dick Hall-Sizemore