

HB 1154-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1154-FN***

AN ACT                relative to the use of a laser pointing device for self-defense or defense of others.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Hoell, Merr 23

COMMITTEE:          Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the use of a laser pointing device in self-defense or defense of others shall not be violation of RSA 631:3-a.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                                Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                   relative to the use of a laser pointing device for self-defense or defense of others.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1   Conduct Involving Laser Pointing Device; Exemption. Amend RSA 631:3-a, III to read as  
2 follows:

3           III. It shall be an affirmative defense under this section if the laser pointing device was used  
4 in an organized meeting or training class by the instructor or speaker. Nothing in this section shall  
5 be construed to limit the use of medical lasers by qualified medical personnel, or construction lasers  
6 used by construction personnel, or laser devices utilized by law enforcement personnel in the  
7 performance of their official duties. ***No person shall be found in violation of this section for***  
8 ***use of a laser pointing device in self defense or defense of others.***

9           2   Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**HB 1154-FN - FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT                    relative to the use of a laser pointing device for self-defense or defense of others.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, **as introduced**, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2018.