

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2159 modifies the penalties for violations of the Laser Safety Act by increasing the fine amount from \$100 to a maximum of \$500, allowing imprisonment in the county jail for up to 1 year, or both fine and imprisonment.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure accelerates penalties related to the Laser Safety Act from misdemeanor to felony. Analysis from the Administrative Office of the Courts provides that the crime code for this offense has only been used twice statewide since it was created on November 1, 2015, thus the fiscal impact to the Courts would be negligible and there would be no impact on state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.