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HB 2548: high intensity laser possession; prohibition

Sponsor: Representative Kavanagh, LD 23

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Overview

Establishes laser possession at a riot or unlawful assembly as a class 1 misdemeanor.

History

A *riot* occurs when three or more people acting together recklessly uses or threatens force or violence and disturbs the public peace ([A.R.S. § 13-2903](#)). *Unlawful assembly* occurs when three or more people assemble with the intent to engage in a riot, or being present at a riot and refusing to obey an official order to disperse ([A.R.S. § 13-2902](#)).

An *affirmative defense* is a defense offered by the accused to excuse a criminal act ([A.R.S. § 13-103](#)).

Provisions

1. Creates a class 1 misdemeanor for *laser possession at a riot or unlawful assembly*, which occurs when a person knowingly possesses a high intensity laser at the location of a riot or unlawful assembly. (Sec. 1)
2. Provides an affirmative defense if a person possesses a high intensity laser in the normal course of one's occupation. (Sec. 1)
3. Defines *high intensity laser*. (Sec. 1)

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