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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to directing laser pointers at aircrafts.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 10-134.2 of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new subdivision h and to renumber the current subdivision h as subdivision i and to amend it, to read as follows:

h. It shall be unlawful for any person to direct light from a laser pointer at an aircraft, whether in motion or in flight, or at the flight path of such an aircraft. It shall be an affirmative defense to this subdivision that the person was using the light during an emergency situation to send an emergency distress signal. For the purposes of this subdivision the term "aircraft" shall mean any civil, military, or public contrivance invented, used, or designed to navigate, fly, or travel in the air.

i. [h] Any person who violates subdivision b, c, e, or h [or e] of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable by a prison term of not more than one year or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or both. Any person who violates subdivision d of this section shall be guilty of a violation for a first offense and a misdemeanor for all subsequent offenses.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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