



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 36 - OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC SAFETY

N.C.G.S. § 14-280.2.

Use of a laser device towards an aircraft.

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§ 14-280.2(a)
CLASS H FELONY

Any person who, willfully points a laser device at an aircraft, while the device is emitting a laser beam, and while the aircraft is taking off, landing, in flight, or otherwise in motion, is guilty of a Class H felony.

§ 14-280.2(b)

The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) "Aircraft" is as defined in G.S. 63-1.

(2) "Laser" is as defined in G.S. 14-34.8.

§ 14-280.2(c)

This section shall not apply where the laser use had been approved by a State or federal agency. (2005-329, s. 1.)

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APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 63-1	(b)(1)	""Aircraft" is as defined in"
G.S. 14-34.8	(b)(2)	""Laser" is as defined in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-280.2 (2026).

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