
SENATE BILL No. 396

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-44-2-2; IC 35-47-4.5-3.

Synopsis: Law enforcement officers. Makes it false informing, a Class B misdemeanor, for a person to make a false complaint against a law enforcement officer. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor for a person to direct light from a laser pointer at a state police motor carrier inspector.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 10, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-44-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2001,
2 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "consumer product"
4 has the meaning set forth in IC 35-45-8-1.

5 (b) A person who reports, by telephone, telegraph, mail, or other
6 written or oral communication, that:

7 (1) the person or another person has placed or intends to place an
8 explosive or other destructive substance in a building or
9 transportation facility;

10 (2) there has been or there will be tampering with a consumer
11 product introduced into commerce; or

12 (3) there has been or will be placed or introduced a weapon of
13 mass destruction in a building or a place of assembly;

14 knowing the report to be false commits false reporting, a Class D
15 felony.

16 (c) A person who:

17 (1) gives a false report of the commission of a crime or gives false



1 information in the official investigation of the commission of a
2 crime, knowing the report or information to be false;

3 (2) gives a false alarm of fire to the fire department of a
4 governmental entity, knowing the alarm to be false;

5 (3) makes a false request for ambulance service to an ambulance
6 service provider, knowing the request to be false; **or**

7 (4) gives a false report concerning a missing child (as defined in
8 IC 10-1-7-2) or gives false information in the official
9 investigation of a missing child knowing the report or information
10 to be false; **or**

11 **(5) makes a false complaint against a law enforcement officer:**

12 **(A) that alleges the officer engaged in misconduct while**
13 **performing the officer's duties; and**

14 **(B) knowing the complaint to be false;**

15 commits false informing, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense
16 is a Class A misdemeanor if it substantially hinders any law
17 enforcement process or if it results in harm to an innocent person.

18 SECTION 2. IC 35-47-4.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.70-2000,
19 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer"
21 means:

22 (1) a state police officer;

23 (2) a county sheriff;

24 (3) a county police officer;

25 (4) a correctional officer;

26 (5) an excise police officer;

27 (6) a county police reserve officer;

28 (7) a city police officer;

29 (8) a city police reserve officer;

30 (9) a conservation enforcement officer;

31 (10) a town marshal;

32 (11) a deputy town marshal;

33 (12) a state university police officer appointed under
34 IC 20-12-3.5;

35 (13) a probation officer;

36 (14) a firefighter (as defined in IC 9-18-34-1);

37 (15) an emergency medical technician; **or**

38 (16) a paramedic; **or**

39 **(17) a state police motor carrier inspector.**

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