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SENATE BILL 103

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AIRCRAFT; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE UNLAWFUL
INTERFERENCE WITH THE FLIGHT OF AN AIRCRAFT; INCLUDING
DIRECTING A LASER AT AN AIRCRAFT AS UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE;
REPEALING SECTION 64-1-23 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1965, CHAPTER
34, SECTION 3).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 64-1-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
Chapter 34, Section 2) is amended to read:

"64-1-22. UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH THE FLIGHT OF
AIRCRAFT.--[Any]

A. Unlawful interference with the flight of an
aircraft consists of a person discharging a firearm, [or]
setting in flight any missile, projectile or object or
directing a laser that is intended to strike, interfere with or

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1 collide with any flying aircraft [~~shall be guilty of unlawful~~
2 ~~interference with the flight of an aircraft~~], including
3 personnel on board the aircraft. Whoever commits unlawful
4 interference with the flight of an aircraft is guilty of a
5 fourth degree felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the
6 provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

7 B. Whoever commits unlawful interference with the
8 flight of an aircraft for a second and subsequent offense is
9 guilty of a third degree felony and shall be sentenced pursuant
10 to the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

11 C. Whoever commits unlawful interference with the
12 flight of an aircraft that results in harm to a person on the
13 aircraft that requires medical treatment is guilty of a third
14 degree felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions
15 of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

16 D. As used in this section, "laser" means a device
17 designed or used to amplify electromagnetic radiation by
18 stimulated emission that emits a beam of light."

19 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.--**Section 64-1-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
20 1965, Chapter 34, Section 3) is repealed.