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To amend section 2909.21 and to enact section 1
2909.081 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person 2
from knowingly discharging a laser into the 3
cockpit of an aircraft. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2909.21 be amended and section 5
2909.081 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 2909.081. (A) No person shall knowingly discharge a 7
laser or other device that creates visible light into the cockpit 8
of an aircraft that is in the process of taking off or landing or 9
is in flight. 10

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of interfering 11
with the operation of an aircraft with a laser, a felony of the 12
second degree. 13

(C) As used in this section, "laser" means both of the 14
following: 15

(1) Any device that utilizes the natural oscillations of 16
atoms or molecules between energy levels for generating coherent 17
electromagnetic radiation in the ultraviolet, visible, or infrared 18
region of the spectrum and when discharged exceeds one milliwatt 19
continuous wave; 20

(2) Any device designed or used to amplify electromagnetic 21
radiation by simulated emission that is visible to the human eye. 22

Sec. 2909.21. As used in sections 2909.21 to 2909.25 of the 23
Revised Code: 24

(A) "Act of terrorism" means an act that is committed within 25
or outside the territorial jurisdiction of this state or the 26
United States, that constitutes a specified offense if committed 27
in this state or constitutes an offense in any jurisdiction within 28
or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States 29
containing all of the essential elements of a specified offense, 30
and that is intended to do one or more of the following: 31

(1) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population; 32

(2) Influence the policy of any government by intimidation or 33
coercion; 34

(3) Affect the conduct of any government by the act that 35
constitutes the offense. 36

(B) "Material support or resources" means currency, payment 37
instruments, other financial securities, financial services, 38
lodging, training, ~~safehouses~~ safe houses, false documentation or 39
identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, 40
lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and 41
other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials. 42

(C) "Payment instrument" means a check, draft, money order, 43
traveler's check, cashier's check, teller's check, or other 44
instrument or order for the transmission or payment of money, 45
regardless of whether the item in question is negotiable. 46

(D) "Response costs" means all costs a political subdivision 47
incurs as a result of, or in making any response to, a threat of a 48
specified offense made as described in section 2909.23 of the 49
Revised Code or a specified offense committed as described in 50
section 2909.24 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited 51
to, all costs so incurred by any law enforcement officers, 52
firefighters, rescue personnel, or emergency medical services 53
personnel of the political subdivision and all costs so incurred 54
by the political subdivision that relate to laboratory testing or 55
hazardous material cleanup. 56

(E) "Specified offense" means any of the following: 57

(1) A felony offense of violence, a violation of section 58
2909.04, 2909.081, or 2927.24 of the Revised Code, or a felony of 59
the first degree that is not a violation of any provision in 60
Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code; 61

(2) An attempt to commit, complicity in committing, or a 62
conspiracy to commit an offense listed in division (E)(1) of this 63
section. 64

Section 2. That existing section 2909.21 of the Revised Code 65
is hereby repealed. 66