

wantonly or maliciously uses a telephone facility to transmit to another any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious or indecent; any threat to injure the person or property of any person; or repeated anonymous telephone calls, whether or not conversation ensues, which disturb the peace, quiet or right of privacy of any person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

Use of a telephone facility under this section shall include all use made of such a facility between the points of origin and reception. Any offense under this section is a continuing offense and shall be deemed to have been committed at either the place of origin or the place of reception.

MARYLAND

MARYLAND CODE ANNOTATED (1967), ARTICLE 27. CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS

§ 151A. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, knowing the statement or rumor to be false, he circulates or transmits to another or others, with intent that it be acted upon, a statement or rumor, written, printed, or by word of mouth, concerning the location or possible detonation of a bomb or other explosive. An offense under this section committed by the use of a telephone may be deemed to have been committed either at the place at which the telephone call or calls were made or at the place at which the telephone call or calls were received.

A person convicted of violating this section is subject to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) or to imprisonment for not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. This section does not apply to any statement or rumor made or circulated by an officer, employee, or agent of a bona fide civilian defense organization or agency, if made in the regular course of his duties with that organization or agency. L. 1963, c. 395.

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (CUM. SUPP. 1961) ART. 27. CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS, TELEPHONE MISUSE

§ 555A. UNLAWFUL USE OF TELEPHONE.—It is unlawful for any person to make use of telephone facilities or equipment (1) for an anonymous call or calls if in a manner reasonably to be expected to annoy, abuse, torment, harass, or embarrass one or more persons; (2) for repeated calls, if with intent to annoy, abuse, torment, harass, or embarrass one or more persons; or (3) for any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent. Any person violating any one of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 or to imprisonment for not more than twelve months, or both, in the discretion of the court. [L. 1961, c. 165, eff. 6-1-61.]

MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 269, CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE

§ 14A. ANNOYING TELEPHONE CALLS.—Whoever telephones another person, or causes any person to be telephoned to, repeatedly, for the sole purpose of harassing, annoying or molesting such person or his family, whether or not conversation ensues, or whoever telephones a person of the female sex, or repeatedly telephones a person of the male sex, and uses indecent or obscene language to such person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three months, or both. (Stat. 1964, c. 668; 1965 S.B. 1013)