

be offensive to decency or is calculated to excite to vicious or lewd thoughts or acts, or any other communicable words, such as is offensive to decency, or is adapted, to excite to vicious or lewd thoughts or acts, is guilty of a felony and upon conviction therefor shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ten (10) years, or both such fine and imprisonment. (Laws 1961, p. 230 § 1)

OREGON

CHAPTER 109, LAWS 1967 (1967 NEW LAWS, REGULAR SESSION, P. 103) APPROVED
APRIL 3, 1967

An Act Relating to obscene, harassing and other prohibited telephone calls; and providing penalties.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) Any person who by means of telephone communication—

(a) Makes any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene or lewd or lascivious and with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any person at the called number; or

(b) Makes a telephone call whether or not conversation ensues, with or without disclosing his identity and with intent to annoy, abuse threaten or harass any person at the called number; or

(c) Makes or causes the telephone of another repeatedly or continuously to ring, with intent to annoy or harass any person at the called number; or

(d) Makes repeated telephone calls during which conversation ensues, solely to annoy or harass any person at the called number;

shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than one year in the county jail or penitentiary, or both.

(2) Whoever knowingly permits any telephone under his control to be used for any purpose prohibited by subsection (1) of this section shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

SEC. 2. Any offense committed by use of the telephone as herein set out may be deemed to be committed either at the place from which the telephone call was made or at the place where the telephone call was received.

PENNSYLVANIA

PURDON'S PENNA. STATUTES ANNOTATED, TITLE 18, CRIMES AND OFFENSES

§ 4414.1 MALICIOUS USE OF TELEPHONES.—Whoever telephones another person and addresses to or about such other person any lewd, lascivious or indecent words, language, suggestion or proposal, or solicitation to engage in fornication or any other immoral act, or whoever telephones another person repeatedly for the purpose of annoying, molesting or harassing such other person or his or her family, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or undergo imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both: Provided, That any offense committed by the use of a telephone, as herein set out, may be deemed to have committed at either the place at which the telephone call or calls were made or at the place where the telephone call or calls were received. (1939, P.L. 872; 1959 § 414.1, 1965 H.B. 1018)

RHODE ISLAND

GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND—1956, TITLE II, CRIMINAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 35, PUBLIC UTILITIES

§ 11-35-17. CRANK, OBSCENE TELEPHONE CALLS; PUNISHMENT.—Whoever shall telephone any person repeatedly or cause any person to be telephoned repeatedly for the sole purpose of harassing, annoying, or molesting such other person or his family, whether or not conversation ensues; or whoever shall telephone any person for the purpose of using any threatening, vulgar, indecent, obscene or immoral language over the telephone, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall