

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Every person who, with intent to harass, intimidate, torment or embarrass any other person, shall make a telephone call to such other person—

- (1) Using any lewd, lascivious, profane, indecent, or obscene words or language, or suggesting the commission of any lewd or lascivious act; or
- (2) anonymously or repeatedly or at an extremely inconvenient hour, whether or not conversation ensues; or
- (3) threatening to inflict injury on the person or property of the person called or any member of his family; or
- (4) without purpose of legitimate communication; shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. Any person who knowingly permits any telephone under his control to be used for any purpose prohibited by section 1 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. Any offense committed by use of a telephone as set forth in section 1 of this act may be deemed to have been committed either at the place from which the telephone call or calls were made or at the place where the telephone call or calls were received.

SEC. 4. If any portion of this act is held to be unconstitutional or void, such decision shall not affect his validity of the remaining parts of this act.

WEST VIRGINIA

1967 NEW LAWS, REGULAR SESSION, PAGE 239 (HOUSE BILL NO. 540) [APPROVED MARCH 17, 1967, TO TAKE EFFECT 90 DAYS FROM PASSAGE ON MARCH 10, 1967]

An act to amend and re-enact section sixteen, article eight, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the penalty for profanity, obscene, indecent or vulgar language, annoying, abusive, tormenting, harassing or embarrassing call or calls or threats over the telephone.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia, That section sixteen, article eight, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

ART. 8. Crimes Against Chastity, Morality and Decency.

SEC. 61-8-16. Profanity, obscene, indecent, or vulgar language, annoying, abusive, tormenting, harassing, or embarrassing call or calls, or threats over telephone; penalty.

If any person shall make use of any telephone facility or equipment for, (1) placing any anonymous call or calls in a manner which could reasonably be expected to annoy, abuse, torment, harass or embarrass any person, (2) profanely cursing, swearing at or abusing another, or using profane, obscene, indecent or vulgar language, or (3) threatening to commit a crime against any person, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Any offense committed under this section may be deemed to have taken place at the place at which the telephone call was made or placed, or the place at which the telephone call was received.

Any person convicted of an offense hereunder, shall be punished by a fine or not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN STATUTES, CHAPTER 947

947.01. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.—Whoever does any of the following may be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than 30 days:

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- (2) With intent to annoy another, makes a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues.