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## HOUSE BILL NO. 741

Offered January 13, 2010

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-427 of the Code of Virginia, relating to use of profane, threatening, or indecent language using email or by texting; penalty.*

Patrons—Cleaveland and Griffith

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

#### 1. That § 18.2-427 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-427. Use of profane, threatening, or indecent language over public airways or by other methods.

~~If any person shall use~~ Any person who uses obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, or ~~make~~ makes any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or ~~threaten~~ threatens any illegal or immoral act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person, over any telephone or citizens band radio, ~~in this Commonwealth, he shall be~~ including by use of a telephone email or telephone text message, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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