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HOUSE BILL NO. 741

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 10, 2010)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cleaveland)

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.

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 is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

"Over any telephone" includes, for purposes of this section, any electronically transmitted message that is received or transmitted by telephone.

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