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HOUSE BILL NO. 1072

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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 over public airways or by other methods.*

Patrons—Adams, D.M., Webert, Levine and Samirah

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 threatening language or suggestion of obscene nature over public airways or by other methods; penalty.

Any person who uses obscene, vulgar, profane, lewd, lascivious, or indecent language, or makes any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature, or 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 the Commonwealth, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

"Over any telephone" includes, for purposes of this section, any electronically transmitted communication producing a visual or electronic message that is received or transmitted by cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunications device.

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