

**PART**

**13-920. TELEPHONE ABUSE.**

**13-921. TELEPHONE HARASSMENT.**

- A. A person is guilty of telephone harassment and subject to prosecution if, with intent to annoy or alarm another, he:
  - 1. Makes a telephone call, whether or not a conversation ensues, without purpose of lawful communication; or
  - 2. Makes repeated telephone calls at extremely inconvenient hours or in offensively coarse language; or
  - 3. Insults, taunts, or challenges another in a manner likely to provoke a violent or disorderly response.
- B. Telephone harassment is a class B misdemeanor.

**13-922. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ABUSE.**

- A. A person is guilty of emergency telephone abuse if he:
  - 1. Intentionally refuses to yield or surrender the use of a party line or a public pay telephone to another person upon being informed that the telephone is needed to report a fire or summon police, medical, or other aid in case of emergency, unless the telephone is likewise being used for an emergency call; or
  - 2. Asks for or requests the use of a party line or a public pay telephone on the pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency exists.
- B. Emergency telephone abuse is a class C misdemeanor.
- C. For the purposes of this section (1) "party line" means a subscriber's line or telephone circuit consisting of two or more main telephone stations connected therewith, each station with a distinctive ring or telephone number.
- D. "Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential to the preservation of human life or property.