

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 261

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO AND SENATOR CARTER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:285(A)(1), (2), (4), and (5) and (B) and to enact R.S.
3 14:285(E), relative to unlawful telephone and telecommunications device
4 communications; to prohibit the use of any telecommunications device to send
5 certain types of communications; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:285(A)(1), (2), (4), and (5) and (B) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted and R.S. 14:285(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §285. ~~Telephone~~ Unlawful communications; telephones and telecommunications
11 devices; communications; improper language; harassment; penalty

12 A. No person shall:

13 (1) Engage in or institute a telephone call, telephone conversation, or
14 telephone conference, with another person, or use any telecommunications device
15 to send any text message or other message to another person directly, anonymously
16 or otherwise, and therein use obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or lascivious, ~~or~~
17 ~~indecent~~ language, or make any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature or
18 threaten any illegal or immoral act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass
19 ~~another~~ any person.

20 (2) Make repeated telephone communications or send repeated text messages
21 or other messages using any telecommunications device directly to a person
22 anonymously or otherwise in a manner reasonably expected to ~~annoy~~, abuse,
23 torment, harass, embarrass, or offend another, whether or not conversation ensues.

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