

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 151B.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

9-507. COMMON-LAW CRIMINAL DEFAMATION REPEALED.

THE COMMON-LAW CRIME OF CRIMINAL DEFAMATION IS REPEALED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 150A.

The former reference to criminal defamation being "abrogated" is deleted in light of the reference to it being "repealed".

SUBTITLE 6. INTERFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

PART I. IN GENERAL.

9-601. INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION.

(A) "EMERGENCY" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY" MEANS A CIRCUMSTANCE IN WHICH:

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL IS OR IS REASONABLY BELIEVED BY THE PERSON TRANSMITTING THE COMMUNICATION TO BE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM; OR

(2) PROPERTY IS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION.

(B) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT:

(1) KNOWINGLY, INTENTIONALLY, OR RECKLESSLY INTERRUPT, DISRUPT, IMPEDE, OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH THE TRANSMISSION OF A TWO-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION MADE:

(I) TO INFORM OR INQUIRE ABOUT AN EMERGENCY; AND

(II) ON A FREQUENCY COMMONLY USED OR MONITORED BY AN EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANIZATION; OR

(2) TRANSMIT FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT AN EMERGENCY ON A TWO-WAY RADIO FREQUENCY COMMONLY USED OR MONITORED BY AN EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANIZATION.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.