AN ACT to amend and reenact section sixteen, article eight, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the use of profanity, obscene, indecent or vulgar language and the making of threats over the telephone, and providing penalties therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section sixteen, article eight, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
Section 16. Profanity, Obscene, Indecent or Vulgar Language, or Threats Over Telephone; Penalty.—If any person shall profanely curse, swear at or abuse another, or use profane, obscene, indecent or vulgar language over any telephone wire or system in this state, or, being in this state, shall use such language while talking to another person or persons out of the state, or over a telephone shall threaten to commit a crime against any person, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

O. Ray Parker
Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Loop
Chairman House Committee

 Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect Ninety days from Passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard E. Carter
President of the Senate

W. Jenkins White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th day of March, 1965.

Hallett C. Smith
Governor