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Short Title: Threats Against Minor Children.	(Public)
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1			A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT	TO M	AKE IT A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR TO USE IN TELEPHONIC OR
3	ELEC	CTRON	IC-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS WITH ANOTHER PERSON ANY
4	WOR	DS O	R LANGUAGE THREATENING THAT PERSON'S CHILD
5	DEPI	ENDEN	T, SIBLING, OR SPOUSE, AND TO MAKE IT A CLASS 1
6	MISI	DEMEA	NOR TO WILLFULLY THREATEN PHYSICAL INJURY TO THE
7	CHIL	D, DEP	ENDENT, SIBLING, OR SPOUSE OF ANOTHER.
8	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
9		Section	n 1. G.S. 14-196(a) reads as rewritten:
10	"(a)	It shal	be unlawful for any person:
11		(1)	To use in telephonic communications any words or language of a
12			profane, vulgar, lewd, lascivious or indecent character, nature or
13			connotation;
14		(2)	To use in telephonic or electronic-mail communications any words or
15			language threatening to inflict bodily harm to any person or to that
16			person's child, sibling, spouse, or dependent or physical injury to the

1			property of any person, or for the purpose of extorting money or other	
2			things of value from any person;	
3		(3)	To telephone another repeatedly, whether or not conversation ensues,	
4		` ′	for the purpose of abusing, annoying, threatening, terrifying, harassing	
5			or embarrassing any person at the called number;	
6		(4)	To make a telephone call and fail to hang up or disengage the	
7			connection with the intent to disrupt the service of another;	
8		(5)	To telephone another and to knowingly make any false statement	
9			concerning death, injury, illness, disfigurement, indecent conduct or	
10			criminal conduct of the person telephoned or of any member of his	
11			family or household with the intent to abuse, annoy, threaten, terrify,	
12			harass, or embarrass;	
13		(6)	To knowingly permit any telephone under his control to be used for any	
14			purpose prohibited by this section."	
15		Section	on 2. G.S. 14-277.1(a) reads as rewritten:	
16	"(a)	A per	person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if without lawful authority:	
17		(1)	He willfully threatens to physically injure the person or that person's	
18			child, sibling, spouse, or dependent or willfully threatens to damage the	
19			property of another;	
20		(2)	The threat is communicated to the other person, orally, in writing, or by	
21			any other means;	
22		(3)	The threat is made in a manner and under circumstances which would	
23			cause a reasonable person to believe that the threat is likely to be carried	
24			out; and	
25		(4)	The person threatened believes that the threat will be carried out."	
26		Section	on 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 1999.	