

SENATE BILL 20

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By: **Senator Stone**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Telephone Misuse - Telephone Company Charges**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a person convicted of certain criminal conduct involving
4 telephone misuse to make restitution for certain telephone company charges;
5 prohibiting a telephone company from levying charges against certain
6 customers for the reporting or documenting of certain criminal conduct
7 involving telephone misuse; and generally relating to criminal conduct involving
8 telephone misuse and telephone company charges.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
11 Section 555A
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Public Utility Companies
16 Section 8-205
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1998 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

22 555A.

23 (A) It is unlawful for any person to make use of telephone facilities or
24 equipment FOR:

25 (1) [for an] AN anonymous call or calls if in a manner reasonably to be
26 expected to annoy, abuse, torment, harass, or embarrass one or more persons;

