

**537.12 (Proposed)**

**537.12 MISUSE OF 9-1-1 SYSTEM/REPEATED INADVERTENT OR MISTAKEN MISUSE**

(a) "9-1-1 system" means a system through which individuals can request emergency service using the telephone number 9-1-1. (ORC 4931.40)

(b) No person shall knowingly use the telephone number of the 9-1-1 system to report an emergency if he knows that no emergency exists. (ORC 4931.49)

(C) NO PERSON SHALL, BY MISTAKE, INADVERTENCE OR OTHERWISE, MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE CONTINUAL AND/OR REPEATED CALLS TO 9-1-1 WHEN ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A NONEMERGENCY CALL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MISTAKES IN DIALING COUNTRY CODES AND THE USE OF 'OUTSIDE LINE' PREFIX NUMBERS.

(1) WHERE VIOLATIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION STEM FROM CALLS MADE TO 9-1-1 WHICH ARE PLACED FROM A BUSINESS OR OTHER LOCATION THAT HAS MULTIPLE TELEPHONE LINES SERVICING THE LOCATION, THE BUSINESS OWNER AND/OR PERSON HAVING CONTROL OVER THE PREMISES OF THE OFFENDING TELEPHONE NUMBER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(D) Whoever violates ~~this section~~ SECTION A OR B is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. WHOEVER VIOLATES SECTION C SHALL BE ASSESSED A FEE OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) FOR THE THIRD, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS TO OCCUR IN ANY TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD.  
(ORC 4931.99)