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## CHAPTER 121

**THREATS AND EXTORTION**

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**§ 3701. Threatening communications**

Whoever makes, publishes or sends to another any communication, written or oral, containing a threat to injure the person or property of any person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or by both. If the communication is written and is anonymous or signed by any other than the true name of the writer, the punishment shall be a fine of not more than \$1,500 or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or by both. If any such threat is against the person or property or member of the family of any public official, the punishment shall be imprisonment for not more than 15 years.

R.S.1954, c. 130, § 27.

**§ 3702. Intent to extort**

Whoever, verbally or by written or printed communication, maliciously threatens to accuse another of a crime or offense, or to injure his person or property, with intent thereby to extort money or to procure any advantage from him, or to compel him to do any act against his will, when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years; but when such offense is not of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

R.S.1954, c. 130, § 28.

**§ 3703. Malicious vexation by persons over 16**

Whoever having attained his 16th birthday willfully and wantonly or maliciously vexes, irritates, harasses or torments

any person in any way, after having been forbidden to do so by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer or justice of the peace, and whoever without reasonable cause or provocation willfully and wantonly or maliciously vexes, irritates, harasses or torments any person by communications to or conversation with such person over or by means of any telephone, when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years; but when such offense is not of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

R.S.1954, c. 130, § 29; 1963, c. 331, § 5.