



AN ACT CREATING THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL DESTRUCTION OF OR TAMPERING WITH A COMMUNICATION DEVICE; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Criminal destruction of or tampering with communication device. (1) A person commits the offense of criminal destruction of or tampering with a communication device if the person purposely or knowingly destroys or tampers with a telephone or other communication device to obstruct, prevent, or interfere with:

- (a) the report to any law enforcement agency of any actual criminal offense;
- (b) the report to any law enforcement agency of any actual bodily injury or property damage; or
- (c) a request made to any governmental agency or to any hospital, doctor, or other medical provider for necessary ambulance or emergency medical assistance.

(2) A person destroys or tampers with a communication device by making the communication device unusable or inoperable, by interrupting its use, or by making it inaccessible.

(3) A person convicted of the offense of criminal destruction of or tampering with a communication device shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 45, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 45, chapter 6, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 0350, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

SENATE BILL NO. 350

INTRODUCED BY G. PERRY

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