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Abstract: Prohibits interference with communications of the state, military or civil defense, or any legal entity created for the purpose of providing utility services to the public.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the crime of communication interference and defines it as the willful or malicious interference with any communication operated or controlled by the state; used or intended to be used by the military or civil defense functions; or controlled by any legal entity created for the purpose of or engaged in generating, transmitting, providing, and distributing utilities or utility services to the public.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment of not more than ten years, or both, for a first offense. For a second or subsequent offense, provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment of not more than fifteen years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:73.11)