

**THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)**

**Act 328 of 1931**

**CHAPTER LIV**

**LIBEL AND SLANDER**

**750.370 Falsely and maliciously accusing another.**

Sec. 370. Falsely and maliciously accusing another of crime, etc.—Any person who shall falsely and maliciously, by word, writing, sign, or otherwise accuse, attribute, or impute to another the commission of any crime, felony or misdemeanor, or any infamous or degrading act, or impute or attribute to any female a want of chastity, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.370.

**Former law:** See section 1 of Act 192 of 1879, being How., § 9315; CL 1897, § 11762; CL 1915, § 15573; CL 1929, § 16812; and Act 210 of 1885.

**750.371 Second or subsequent violation; penalty.**

Sec. 371. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$1,000.00.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.371;—Am. 1991, Act 145, Imd. Eff. Nov. 25, 1991;—Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003.

**Compiler's note:** For provisions of chapter 6 of Act 175 of 1927, referred to in this section, see MCL 766.1 et seq.

**Former law:** See section 2 of Act 192 of 1879, being How., § 9315a; CL 1897, § 11763; CL 1915, § 15574; CL 1929, § 16813; and Act 210 of 1885.