

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to telephone solicitation; creating s.
 3 364.246, F.S.; providing a short title; providing
 4 definitions; authorizing telecommunication providers,
 5 with authorization from a subscriber, to block certain
 6 calls from reaching the subscriber; authorizing
 7 telecommunication providers to rely solely upon caller
 8 identification service information to determine
 9 originating numbers for the purpose of blocking such
 10 calls; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Section 364.246, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 364.246 Florida Call-Blocking Act.—

17 (1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Call-
 18 Blocking Act."

19 (2) As used in this section, the term:

20 (a) "Caller identification service" means a service that
 21 allows a subscriber, contemporaneous with receiving a telephone
 22 call, to have the number and, if available, the name of the
 23 calling party, displayed on the subscriber's telephone or
 24 transmitted to a device connected to it.

25 (b) "North American Numbering Plan" or "NANP" means the

26 integrated telephone numbering plan serving the North American
27 countries that share its resources.

28 (c) "Pooling administrator" means the Thousands-Block
29 Pooling Administrator as identified in 47 C.F.R. s. 52.20.

30 (d) "Provider" means a telecommunications company that
31 provides voice communications services to customers in the
32 state.

33 (3) Consistent with authorization provided by federal law
34 and rules of the Federal Communications Commission or its
35 successors, a provider may, with subscriber authorization:

36 (a) Block calls from specific numbers identified by the
37 subscriber based on the originating number shown in the
38 subscriber's caller identification service. Such call may be
39 blocked without regard as to whether the call actually
40 originated from that number.

41 (b) Block calls originating from:

42 1. A number that is not a valid NANP number;

43 2. A valid NANP number that is not allocated to a provider
44 by the NANP Administrator or the pooling administrator; and

45 3. A valid NANP number that is allocated to a provider by
46 the NANP Administrator or pooling administrator but that is not
47 assigned to a subscriber.

48 (4) For purposes of blocking calls as authorized in this
49 section, a provider may rely on caller identification service
50 information to determine the originating number.

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51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.