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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Grimsley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 365.176, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

365.176 Florida Call-Blocking Act.—

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

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



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11 (a) "Caller identification service" means a service that
12 allows a telephone subscriber to have the telephone number and,
13 if available, the name of the calling party transmitted
14 contemporaneously with the telephone call and displayed on a
15 device in or connected to the subscriber's telephone.

16 (b) "Pooling administrator" means the Thousands-Block
17 Pooling Administrator as identified in 47 C.F.R. s. 52.20.

18 (c) "Provider" means a telecommunications company that
19 provides voice communications services to customers in this
20 state.

21 (3) Consistent with authorization provided by federal law
22 and rules of the Federal Communications Commission or its
23 successors, providers operating in this state may block calls in
24 the following manner:

25 (a) Providers may block a voice call when the subscriber to
26 which the originating number is assigned has requested that
27 calls purporting to originate from that number be blocked
28 because the number is used for inbound calls only.

29 (b) Providers may block calls originating from the
30 following numbers:

31 1. A number that is not a valid North American Numbering
32 Plan number;

33 2. A valid North American Numbering Plan number that is not
34 allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan
35 Administrator or the pooling administrator; and

36 3. A valid North American Numbering Plan number that is
37 allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan
38 Administrator or pooling administrator, but is unused, so long
39 as the provider blocking the calls is the allocatee of the



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40 number and confirms that the number is unused or has obtained
41 verification from the allocatee that the number is unused at the
42 time of the blocking.

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44 Providers may not block a voice call pursuant to subparagraph 1.
45 or subparagraph 2. if the call is an emergency call placed to
46 911.

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

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

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53 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete everything before the enacting clause
56 and insert:

57 A bill to be entitled
58 An act relating to telephone solicitation; creating s.
59 365.176, F.S.; providing a short title; defining
60 terms; authorizing telecommunication providers to
61 block certain calls; prohibiting the blocking of
62 certain calls; authorizing telecommunication providers
63 to rely upon caller identification service information
64 to determine originating numbers for the purpose of
65 blocking such calls; providing an effective date.