

By Senator Grimsley

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to telephone solicitation; creating s.  
3       364.246, F.S.; providing a short title; defining  
4       terms; authorizing telecommunication providers, with  
5       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 to  
15 read:

16       364.246 Florida Call-Blocking Act.—

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

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

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

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

27       (c) "Provider" means a telecommunications company that  
28 provides voice communications services to customers in this  
29 state.

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30       (3) Consistent with authorization provided by federal law  
31 and rules of the Federal Communications Commission or its  
32 successors, providers operating in this state may, with  
33 authorization from a subscriber, block calls to the subscriber  
34 in the following manner:

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

40       (b) Providers may block calls originating from the  
41 following numbers:

42       1. A number that is not a valid North American Numbering  
43 Plan number;

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

47       3. A valid North American Numbering Plan number that is  
48 allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan  
49 Administrator or pooling administrator, but that is not assigned  
50 to a subscriber.

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

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