

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 475

By: Senator T. Garner
By: Representative Lundstrum

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE "ARKANSAS CALL-BLOCKING ACT";
TO AUTHORIZE TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS TO RELY UPON
CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICE INFORMATION TO
DETERMINE ORIGINATING NUMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
BLOCKING CERTAIN CALLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE "ARKANSAS CALL-BLOCKING
ACT"; AND TO AUTHORIZE TELECOMMUNICATION
PROVIDERS TO RELY UPON CALLER
IDENTIFICATION SERVICE INFORMATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 88, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 11 – Arkansas Call-Blocking Act

4-88-1101. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Call-Blocking Act".

4-88-1102. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Caller identification service" means a service that



allows a telephone subscriber to have the telephone number and, if available, the name of the calling party transmitted contemporaneously with the telephone call and displayed on a device in or connected to the subscriber's telephone;

(2) "North American Numbering Plan" means the basic numbering scheme permitting interoperable telecommunications services within the U.S., Canada, Bermuda, and most of the Caribbean;

(3) "North American Numbering Plan Administrator" means the administrator appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to administer the Thousands-Block Pooling, and a billing and collection agent, as identified in 47 C.F.R. § 52.20;

(4) "Provider" means a telecommunications company that provides voice communications services to customers in this state.

4-88-1103. Call-blocking requirements.

(a) Consistent with authorization provided by federal law and rules of the Federal Communications Commission or its successor, providers operating in this state may block calls in the following manner:

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

(2) Providers may block calls originating from the following numbers:

(A) A number that is not a valid North American Numbering Plan number;

(B) A valid North American Numbering Plan number that is not allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator; and

(C) A valid North American Numbering Plan number that is allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or pooling administrator, but is unused, so long as the provider blocking the calls is the allocatee of the number and confirms that the number is unused or the provider has obtained verification from the allocatee that the number is unused at the time of the blocking.

(b) Providers shall not block a voice call under subsection (a) of

this section if the call is placed to 911.

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