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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits telemarketers from using technology designed to misrepresent their identity.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee on October 4, 2004, with amendments.

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1 **AN ACT** concerning ¹ [certain telephone solicitations and supplementing chapter 17 of Title 48 of the Revised Statutes] 3 telemarketers and amending P.L.2003, c.76¹.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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- 1 1. a. No telephone seller shall use any method, including per-call blocking or per-line blocking, that prevents caller identification information for the telephone lines used by the telephone seller from being shown by a device capable of displaying caller identification information.
 - b. As used in this section, "telephone seller" means a person who engages in the business of offering or selling goods or services or soliciting contributions through an unsolicited telephone call.]

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¹[2. A person who violates the provisions of this act shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for a first violation and not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. Every day upon which a violation occurs shall be considered to be a separate violation. The penalty shall be collected and enforced in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.]¹

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- ¹1. Section 10 of P.L.2003, c.76 (C56:8-128) is amended to read as follows:
 - 10. a. No telemarketer shall make or cause to be made any unsolicited telemarketing sales call to any customer whose telephone number is included on the no telemarketing call list established pursuant to section 9 of this act, except for a call made within three months of the date the customer's telephone number was first included on the no call list but only if the telemarketer had at the time of the call not yet obtained a no call list which included the customer's telephone number and the no call list used by the telemarketer was issued less than three months prior to the time the call was made.
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 b. A telemarketer making a telemarketing sales call shall, within the first 30 seconds of the call, <u>accurately</u> identify the telemarketer's name, the person on whose behalf the call is being made, and the purpose of the call.
- 40 c. A telemarketer shall not make or cause to be made any unsolicited telemarketing sales call to any customer between the hours

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ACO committee amendments adopted October 4, 2004.

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- 1 of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m., local time, at the customer's location.
- d. A telemarketer shall not intentionally use any method that blocks
- 3 a caller identification service from displaying caller identification
- 4 information or otherwise circumvents a customer's use of a telephone
- 5 caller identification service, including, but not limited to, the use of
- 6 <u>any technology or method which displays a telephone number or name</u>
- 7 not associated with the telemarketer or intentionally designed to
- 8 misrepresent the telemarketer's identity.¹
- 9 (cf: P.L.2003, c.208, s.3)

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- 11 1 [3.] 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
- 12 month following enactment.