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An Act Restricting Telemarketers from Blocking Their Telephone Numbers When Making Solicitation Calls

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham and
Senators: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STANLEY of Penobscot, Representatives: DAVIS of
Falmouth, DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, LEDWIN of Holden, MILLS of
Cornville, SIMPSON of Auburn.

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3 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1499-A** is enacted to read:

5 **§1499-A. Telemarketing; prohibition**

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7 **1. Prohibition.** Except as provided in subsection 2, a
8 person may not initiate a solicitation call to a person in this
9 State if the caller blocks or causes the blocking of the caller's
10 telephone number so that it will not be displayed on the
11 receiving party's caller identification device.

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13 **2. Exceptions.** The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply
14 to:

15 **A. A person who makes fewer than 300 solicitation calls in**
16 **any 12-month period;**

17 **B. A person who has an established business relationship**
18 **with the person called; or**

19 **C. A person making solicitations on behalf of a charitable**
20 **organization as defined in Title 9, section 5003.**

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22 **3. Penalty.** Violation of this section is an unfair trade
23 practice as prohibited by Title 5, section 207.

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27 **SUMMARY**

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31 This bill prohibits a telemarketer from blocking the
32 caller's telephone number so that it will not display on the
33 receiving party's caller identification device. The bill
34 provides exceptions for a person making a limited number of
35 solicitation calls, a person who has an established business
36 relationship with the receiver of the call and charitable
37 organizations.