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House of Representatives, February 24, 2005

An Act To Limit Faxes from Telemarketers

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BLANCHARD of Old Town, DRISCOLL of Westbrook,
FARRINGTON of Gorham, LANSLEY of Sabattus, MERRILL of Appleton, RECTOR of
Thomaston, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1498, sub-§1. ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 775, are amended to read:

A. "Automated telephone calling device" means any system or equipment, including a facsimile machine, that selects, dials or calls telephone numbers and plays recorded messages or attempts to send facsimiles.

B. "Solicitation calls" means calls, including facsimile transmissions, the purpose of which is any of the following:

(1) To offer real property, goods or services for sale or rent;

(2) To convey information on real property, goods or services to solicit sales or ~~purchase~~ purchases;

(3) To promote or solicit charitable contributions; or

(4) To gather data or statistics or solicit information.

SUMMARY

Current law prohibits a person from using an automated telephone calling device to make solicitation calls to telephone numbers in the State except on weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. This bill applies the same restrictions to solicitation facsimiles.