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Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to allowing tele-
communication companies to block incoming calls from certain numbers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
399-z-1 to read as follows:

§ 399-z-1. Telecommunication companies blocking certain numbers. 1. As
used in this section, the following terms shall have the following mean-
ings:

a. "Caller identification information" means information provided by a
caller identification service regarding the telephone number and name of
the person calling;

b. "Caller identification service" means a service that allows a tele-
phone subscriber to have the telephone number, and, where available,
name of the calling party transmitted contemporaneously with the tele-
phone call, and displayed on a device in or connected to the subscrib-
er's telephone;

c. "Pooling administrator" means the thousands-block pooling adminis-
trator as identified in 47 C.F.R. § 52.20; and

d. "Provider" means a telecommunication company that provides voice
communications services to customers in this state.

2. Consistent with authorization provided by federal law and rules of
the federal communications commission or its successors:

a. Providers may block a voice call when the subscriber to which the
originating number is assigned has requested that calls purporting to
originate from that number be blocked because the number is used for
inbound calls only or any of the following:

(i) A number that is not a valid North American numbering plan number;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (ii) A valid North American numbering plan number that is not allo-
2 cated to a provider by the North American numbering plan administrator
3 or the pooling administrator; or

4 (iii) A valid North American numbering plan number that is allocated
5 to a provider by the North American numbering plan administrator or
6 pooling administrator, that is unused, so long as the provider blocking
7 the calls is the allocatee of the number and confirms that the number is
8 unused or has obtained verification from the allocatee that the number
9 is unused at the time of the blocking.

10 b. Providers shall not block a voice call if the call is an emergency
11 call placed to 911.

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

15 § 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.