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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to telecommunication companies blocking certain numbers

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section  
2 399-z-1 to read as follows:

3 § 399-z-1. Telecommunication companies blocking certain numbers. 1. As  
4 used in this section, the following terms shall have the following mean-  
5 ings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 a. providers shall block a voice call when the subscriber to which the  
2 originating number is assigned has requested that calls purporting to  
3 originate from that number be blocked because the number is used for  
4 inbound calls only; and

5 b. providers shall block calls originating from the following numbers:  
6 (i) a number that is not a valid North American numbering plan number;  
7 (ii) a valid North American numbering plan number that is not allo-  
8 cated to a provider by the North American numbering plan administrator  
9 or the pooling administrator; and

10 (iii) a valid North American numbering plan number that is allocated  
11 to a provider by the North American number plan administrator or pooling  
12 administrator, but is unused, so long as the provider blocking the calls  
13 is the allocatee of the number and confirms that the number is unused or  
14 has obtained verification from the allocatee that the number is unused  
15 at the time of the blocking.

16 c. providers shall not block a voice call if the call is an emergency  
17 call placed to 911.

18 d. providers shall not block a voice call to a subscriber who has  
19 requested that no inbound calls be blocked.

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

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.