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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

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 subscri-
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:

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

24 b. providers shall block calls originating from the following numbers:
25 (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; and

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

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

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

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

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.