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A Bill

SENATE BILL 475

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE "ARKANSAS CALL-BLOCKING ACT";
10 TO AUTHORIZE TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS TO RELY UPON
11 CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICE INFORMATION TO
12 DETERMINE ORIGINATING NUMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
13 BLOCKING CERTAIN CALLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO ESTABLISH THE "ARKANSAS CALL-BLOCKING
17 ACT"; AND TO AUTHORIZE TELECOMMUNICATION
18 PROVIDERS TO RELY UPON CALLER
19 IDENTIFICATION SERVICE INFORMATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 88, is amended to add an
26 additional subchapter to read as follows:
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Subchapter 11 – Arkansas Call-Blocking Act

4-88-1101. Title.

31 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Call-
32 Blocking Act".
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4-88-1102. Definitions.

35 As used in this subchapter:

36 (1) "Caller identification service" means a service that



1 allows a telephone subscriber to have the telephone number and, if available,
2 the name of the calling party transmitted contemporaneously with the
3 telephone call and displayed on a device in or connected to the subscriber's
4 telephone;

5 (2) "North American Numbering Plan" means the basic numbering
6 scheme permitting interoperable telecommunications services within the U.S.,
7 Canada, Bermuda, and most of the Caribbean;

8 (3) "North American Numbering Plan Administrator" means the
9 administrator appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to
10 administer the Thousands-Block Pooling, and a billing and collection agent,
11 as identified in 47 C.F.R. § 52.20;

12 (4) "Provider" means a telecommunications company that
13 provides voice communications services to customers in this state.

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15 4-88-1103. Call-blocking requirements.

16 (a) Consistent with authorization provided by federal law and rules
17 of the Federal Communications Commission or its successor, providers
18 operating in this state may block calls in the following manner:

19 (1) Providers may block a voice call when the subscriber to
20 which the originating number is assigned has requested that calls purporting
21 to originate from the number be blocked because the number is used for
22 inbound calls only;

23 (2) Providers may block calls originating from the following
24 numbers:

25 (A) A number that is not a valid North American
26 Numbering Plan number;

27 (B) A valid North American Numbering Plan number that
28 is not allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan
29 Administrator; and

30 (C) A valid North American Numbering Plan number that
31 is allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator
32 or pooling administrator, but is unused, so long as the provider blocking the
33 calls is the allocatee of the number and confirms that the number is unused
34 or the provider has obtained verification from the allocatee that the number
35 is unused at the time of the blocking.

36 (b) Providers shall not block a voice call under subsection (a) of

1 this section if the call is placed to 911.

2 (c) For purposes of blocking calls from certain originating numbers as
3 authorized in this section, a provider may rely on caller identification
4 service information to determine the originating number.

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