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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Prank callers are, in a word, obnoxious. Thousands of people are bothered by one form of prank caller or another every day. Prank calls range from annoying hang-ups to false calls to emergency services or bomb threats. Some prank calls may even waste the time and resources of emergency services. Although prank calls may easily be traced through Caller ID, most telephone companies permit callers to withhold the identifying information from calls.

This bill prohibits local telecommunications companies from offering services which allow the blocking of information from caller identification devices including per-call blocking and per-line blocking in order to identify the caller's identification number and minimize the number of prank callers.*

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1 AN ACT

2 PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING SERVICES
3 WHICH PREVENT CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FROM BEING SHOWN
4 BY A DEVICE CAPABLE OF DISPLAYING CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

5 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Caller Information Disclosure
6 Act.”

7 SECTION. 2. *Prohibition.* – No local telecommunications company shall offer a service
8 which prevents caller identification information from being shown by a device capable of
9 displaying caller identification information, including, but not limited to, per-call blocking or
10 per-line blocking.

11 SECTION 3. *Exemptions.* – A service which prevents caller identification information
12 from being shown by a device capable of displaying caller identification information may be
13 offered by a local telecommunications company to law enforcement agencies, physicians, and
14 health care providers for their mobile phones and home telephone numbers, and other entities or
15 individuals, upon certification by the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) that the
16 service is needed for reasons of public health and safety. The NTC shall promulgate such rules
17 and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION. 4. *Penalties.* – Any director, officer, or agent of a corporation, association,
19 partnership, or any other entity, who shall authorize, order, or perform any of the acts or
20 practices constituting in whole or in part a violation of Section 2 shall, upon conviction, be

1 subject to a fine of not less than Ten thousand pesos (₱10,000.00) but not more than Fifty
2 thousand pesos (₱50,000.00), or imprisonment of not less than two (2) months but not more than
3 one (1) year, or both, upon the discretion of the court.

4 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
6 valid and subsisting.

7 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
8 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
9 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

10 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,