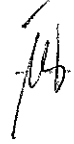


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 exchange 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 COMPANY FROM PROVIDING  
3 SERVICES WHICH PREVENT CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FROM  
4 BEING SHOWN BY A DEVICE CAPABLE OF DISPLAYING CALLER  
5 IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*  
8 *Congress assembled:*  
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10 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act may be known as the "*Caller Information*  
11 *Disclosure Act*".  
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13 SECTION. 2. *Prohibition* - No local exchange telecommunications company shall  
14 offer a service which prevents caller identification information from being shown by a  
15 device capable of displaying caller identification information, including, but not limited  
16 to, per-call blocking or per-line blocking.  
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18 SECTION 3. *Exemptions* - A service which prevents caller identification  
19 information from being shown by a device capable of displaying caller identification  
20 information may be offered by a local exchange telecommunications company to law  
21 enforcement agencies, physicians and health care providers for their cell-phones and  
22 home telephone numbers, and other entities or individuals upon certification by the  
23 National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) that the service is needed for reasons  
24 of public health and safety. The NTC shall promulgate, such rules and regulations as  
25 may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.  
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27 SECTION. 4. *Penalties.* - Any director, officer or agent of a corporation who shall  
28 authorize, order or perform any of the acts or practices constituting in whole or in part a  
29 violation of Section 2, , shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than Ten  
30 thousand pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) or

31 imprisonment of not less than two (2) months but not more than one (1) year, or both  
32 upon the discretion of the court.

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

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

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

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46 Approved.