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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, requiring that any call identification  
3 service offered by a public utility to allow the caller, at  
4 no charge, to withhold, on an individual basis, the display  
5 of the caller's telephone number from the telephone  
6 instrument of the individual receiving the call.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 2906. Dissemination of telephone numbers.

12 (a) General rule.--Any telephone call identification service  
13 offered in this Commonwealth by a telecommunications utility, or  
14 by any other person, partnership, association or corporation  
15 that makes use of the facilities of a telecommunications  
16 utility, shall allow a caller to withhold display of the  
17 caller's telephone number from the telephone instrument of the  
18 individual receiving the telephone call placed by the caller.

19 (b) Charge prohibited.--There shall be no charge to the  
20 caller who requests that his or her telephone number be withheld

1 from the recipient of any call placed by the caller.

2 (c) Notice.--Any telecommunications utility offering a call  
3 identification service shall notify its subscribers that their  
4 calls may be identified to a called party at least 30 days  
5 before the service is offered. In the case of a  
6 telecommunications utility presently offering a call  
7 identification service, notice shall be given within 30 days of  
8 the effective date of this act.

9 (d) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to any of the  
10 following:

11 (1) An identification service which is used within the  
12 same limited system, including, but not limited to, a Centrex  
13 or private branch exchange (PBX) system, as the recipient  
14 telephone.

15 (2) An identification service which is used on a public  
16 agency's emergency telephone line or on the line which  
17 receives the primary emergency telephone number (911).

18 (3) An identification service provided in connection  
19 with legally sanctioned call tracing or tapping procedures.

20 (4) An identification service provided in connection  
21 with any "800" or "900" access code telephone service until  
22 the telecommunications utility develops the technical  
23 capability to comply with subsection (a), as determined by  
24 the commission.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.