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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for telephone  
3 solicitation for public utility services.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

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

8 § 1512. Telephone solicitation for public utility service.

9 (a) Telephone solicitation prohibited.--A public utility or  
10 an affiliate of a public utility or an entity in the business of  
11 providing a public utility service shall not initiate a  
12 telephone call to any residential telephone line in this  
13 Commonwealth by using voice or artificial or prerecorded voice  
14 or by any other means for the purpose of soliciting the purchase  
15 of any public utility service unless the called party  
16 specifically gave prior written consent authorizing the  
17 telephone solicitation.

18 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
2 subsection:

3 "Entity in the business of providing a public utility  
4 service." Any marketer, broker, aggregator, reseller, electric  
5 generator, gas producer, gas transmission company or affiliate  
6 thereof. The term shall not include any entity which is  
7 initiating telephone calls to its own members for the purpose of  
8 soliciting the purchase of any public utility service,  
9 including, but not limited to, a political subdivision, a group  
10 or association representing political subdivisions, a Statewide  
11 farm organization, a chamber of commerce, a labor organization  
12 or a nonprofit corporation subject to Title 15 (relating to  
13 corporations and unincorporated associations).

14 "Public utility service." Any telephone, electric or gas  
15 service for which the consumer is permitted to choose the  
16 provider of that service from a public utility, affiliate of a  
17 public utility or entity in the business of providing a public  
18 utility service.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.