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AN ACT

1 Providing for dial-up Internet access notification.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Dial-up
6 Internet Access Notification Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Dial-up connection." A communication channel utilizing
12 analog modem technology that uses an existing local telephone
13 line to connect to the Internet.

14 "Entity." A provider of a dial-up connection.

15 "Subscriber." An individual who subscribes to an entity to
16 provide a dial-up connection.

1 Section 3. Notification requirements.

2 (a) Initial notification.--Upon an initial subscription of a
3 dial-up connection with an entity, the entity shall provide to a
4 subscriber a list of all telephone numbers that the subscriber
5 may utilize to execute the dial-up connection.

6 (b) Subsequent notification.--Whenever an entity changes,
7 replaces or discontinues a telephone number that a subscriber
8 may utilize to execute a dial-up connection, the entity shall
9 provide notification to subscribers detailing a listing of those
10 changes. The notification shall:

11 (1) be made in electronic form and in written format;

12 and

13 (2) be made prior to a change, if reasonable, or within
14 three days of a change.

15 Section 4. Investigation, enforcement and reporting.

16 The Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of Attorney
17 General shall investigate any complaints received concerning
18 violations of section 3. If, after investigating any complaint,
19 the Attorney General finds that there has been a violation of
20 section 3, the Attorney General may bring an action to impose a
21 civil penalty and to seek other relief, including injunctive
22 relief, under the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387),
23 known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

24 Section 10. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect immediately.