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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic
3 surveillance, further providing for exceptions to prohibition
4 of interception and disclosure of communications.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5704 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

9 § 5704. Exceptions to prohibition of interception and
10 disclosure of communications.

11 It shall not be unlawful and no prior court approval shall be
12 required under this chapter for:

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14 (19) A person to intercept the oral communications of a
15 telemarketer, telemarketing business or an individual or
16 entity that initiates robocalls, as those terms are defined
17 in section 2 of the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911,
18 No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, provided
19 that the person who received the telephone call has consented

1 to the interception, for purposes of enforcing any of the
2 following:

3 (i) Section 3 of the Telephone Consumer Protection
4 Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2394, 47 U.S.C. § 227).

5 (ii) The act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224,
6 No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer
7 Protection Law.

8 (iii) The Telemarketer Registration Act.

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