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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for dissemination of  
3 telephone numbers.

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 § 2906. Dissemination of telephone numbers.

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

16 (b) Charge prohibited.--There shall be no charge to the  
17 caller who requests that the caller's telephone number be  
18 withheld.

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

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

9         (1) An identification service which is used within the  
10 same limited system, including a Centrex or private branch  
11 exchange (PBX) system, as the recipient telephone.

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

15         (3) An identification service provided in connection  
16 with legally sanctioned call-tracing or call-tapping  
17 procedures.

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

22     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.