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AN ACT

1 Providing for updated caller identification information.

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 Caller

6 Identification Information Update 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 "Bureau." The Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of
12 Attorney General.

13 "Caller identification information." Information provided by
14 a caller identification service regarding the telephone number
15 of or other information regarding the origination of a call made
16 using a telecommunications service or Voice over Internet
17 Protocol service.

1 "Caller identification service." A service or device
2 designed to provide the user of the service or device with the
3 telephone number of or other information regarding the
4 origination of a call made using a telecommunications service or
5 VoIP service. The term includes automatic number identification
6 services.

7 "Telecommunications service." The offering of transmission
8 of messages or communications for a fee to the public.

9 "Voice over Internet Protocol service" or "VoIP service." A
10 service that:

11 (1) enables real-time, two-way voice communications that
12 originate or terminate from the user's location in Internet
13 protocol or any successor protocol;

14 (2) uses a broadband connection from the user's
15 location; and

16 (3) permits users generally to receive calls that
17 originate on the public switched telephone network and to
18 terminate calls to the public switched telephone network.

19 Section 3. Prohibition and duty.

20 (a) Subscription prohibition.--A telecommunications or VoIP
21 service provider shall not subscribe to or utilize a caller
22 identification service unless that service verifies in writing
23 that the caller identification service updates the caller
24 identification information contained in the caller
25 identification service's database or any other information
26 retention or storage method at least every 10 calendar days.

27 (b) Provision of information.--A telecommunications or VoIP
28 service provider must provide to a caller identification
29 information service accurate and up-to-date caller
30 identification information within seven calendar days of a

1 change in the name of the person associated with a telephone
2 number.

3 Section 4. Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection.

4 A violation of any provision of this act shall be deemed a
5 violation of the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387),
6 known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.
7 Nothing in this act shall preclude a person from exercising any
8 right provided under the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer
9 Protection Law.

10 Section 5. Regulations.

11 The bureau may adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry
12 out the provisions of this act.

13 Section 6. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect in 60 days.