
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, APRIL 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to grant additional
2 authority to the Federal Communications Commission to stop
3 unwanted and illegal robocalls and "spoofing" and urging the
4 Federal Communications Commission to educate the public on
5 how to report illegal telephone calls.

6 WHEREAS, Receipt of unwanted telephone calls are the most
7 frequent complaints received by the Federal Communications
8 Commission (FCC) from consumers nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, Unwanted calls include automated telemarketing or
10 solicitation calls that deliver a recorded message, also known
11 as robocalls; and

12 WHEREAS, Recently, robocalls have been combined with a
13 process called "spoofing" by which robocalls appear to originate
14 from local, often legitimate, numbers to trick consumers into
15 answering the robocalls; and

16 WHEREAS, As technology continues to evolve, the number of
17 robocalls and spoofing continue to grow; and

18 WHEREAS, Under the Federal Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009,

1 individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or
2 inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud,
3 cause harm or wrongly obtain anything of value; and

4 WHEREAS, Despite the fact that the FCC has initiated new
5 policy initiatives to combat robocalls and spoofing, additional
6 measures need to be implemented to combat this growing problem;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States should pass
9 legislation that provides the FCC with the tools and resources
10 the FCC needs to combat robocalls and spoofing; and

11 WHEREAS, The FCC encourages consumers to file a complaint
12 with the FCC when a robocall is received; and

13 WHEREAS, Although the FCC uses social media and the Internet
14 to reach consumers, the FCC should use all means available to
15 provide consumers with the information necessary to file a
16 complaint; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
19 States to grant additional authority to the Federal
20 Communications Commission to stop illegal and unwanted robocalls
21 and "spoofing"; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Federal Communications
24 Commission to educate the public on how to report illegal
25 telephone calls; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
27 the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the
28 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
29 members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, the
30 Federal Communications Commission Chairman and the Commissioners

1 of the Federal Communications Commission.