



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 46

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE REGISTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer
2 Protection, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall study the
3 feasibility of establishing an electronic message registry that permits
4 residents of this state to register with the Department of Consumer
5 Protection an electronic mail address, Internet messaging address,
6 facsimile number, wireless telephone number or electronic pager
7 number for the purpose of preventing unsolicited electronic messages
8 from being sent to such address or number.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2007, the commissioner shall submit a
10 report pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, in accordance with
11 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
12 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
13 judiciary and consumer protection, and to the select committee of the
14 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children.

15 (c) At a minimum, the study and report shall address:

16 (1) The process by which such registry would operate, including,
17 but not limited, the process for (A) establishing and maintaining such
18 registry, and (B) adding, removing and verifying information received

19 from registrants;

20 (2) Whether such registry places an undue burden on interstate or
21 foreign commerce, and the extent to which such registry may be
22 implemented pursuant to the Constitution of the United States and the
23 laws of the United States enacted under the Constitution;

24 (3) Whether such registry should be limited (A) to registrants who
25 have not attained the age of eighteen years, or (B) based on the content
26 of the electronic message;

27 (4) The estimated cost of implementing and maintaining such
28 registry, and potential sources of revenue for funding the
29 implementation and maintenance of such registry;

30 (5) Whether criminal or civil liability should be imposed for the
31 intentional or inadvertent sending of unsolicited electronic messages in
32 violation of the requirements of such registry, and the feasibility of
33 identifying the sender of the unsolicited electronic message; and

34 (6) The experience of other states in implementing and operating
35 such registry.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

KID *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R* JUD

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*