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Offered by:
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To: Senate Bill No. 157

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"AN ACT PROHIBITING "ROBO" CALLS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) As used in sections 1 to
4 3, inclusive, of this act:

5 (1) "Automatic dialing-announcing device" means a device that
6 selects and dials telephone numbers and, working alone or in
7 conjunction with other equipment, disseminates a prerecorded or
8 synthesized voice message to the telephone number called.

9 (2) "Caller" means a person, corporation, firm, partnership,
10 association or legal or commercial entity that attempts to contact, or
11 who contacts, a subscriber in this state by using a telephone or a
12 telephone line.

13 (3) "Subscriber" means a person who subscribes to telephone service
14 from a telephone company or any other persons living or residing with

15 the subscribing person.

16 (4) "Message" means any telephone call, regardless of its content.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) No caller shall use or
18 connect to a telephone line an automatic dialing-announcing device for
19 the purpose of placing a call or playing a message that promotes the
20 success or defeat of any political campaign, candidate or party if the
21 subscriber's name and telephone number appears on the then current
22 quarterly "no sales solicitation calls" listing made available by the
23 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 42-288a of the
24 general statutes, unless: (1) The subscriber knowingly or voluntarily
25 requested, consented to, permitted or authorized receipt of the
26 message; or (2) the message is immediately preceded by a live operator
27 who obtains the subscriber's consent before the message is delivered.

28 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Attorney General
29 may issue subpoenas or interrogatories requiring production of
30 evidence or testimony concerning a violation of section 2 of this act.
31 The Attorney General may apply to the Superior Court to enforce any
32 subpoena or interrogatories issued pursuant to this subsection.

33 (b) The Attorney General may file a civil action in Superior Court to
34 enforce the provisions of this section and to enjoin further violations of
35 section 2 of this act. The Attorney General may recover actual damages
36 or statutory damages of twenty-five thousand dollars, whichever is
37 greater, for each violation of section 2 of this act. For purposes of this
38 section, each telephone call received in violation of section 2 of this act
39 shall constitute a separate and distinct violation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section