



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 98**

LCO No. 2633

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING SPOOFING AND CRAMMING.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this  
2 section, "telephone" means any device used by a person for voice  
3 communications in connection with the services of a telephone  
4 company, whether such voice communications are transmitted in  
5 analog, data or any other form, and "telephone company" means any  
6 company that provides commercial telephone services, irrespective of  
7 the communications technology used to provide such service,  
8 including, but not limited to, traditional wireline or cable telephone  
9 service, cellular, broadband PCS or other wireless telephone service,  
10 microwave, satellite or other terrestrial telephone service and voice  
11 over Internet telephone service.

12 (b) No person shall use any device to change the name or telephone  
13 number on a caller identification display on the telephone that such  
14 person is calling with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another.  
15 This subsection shall not prohibit any person from using a call  
16 blocking service provided by such person's telephone company.

17 (c) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an  
18 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
19 110b of the general statutes.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2011) (a) No telecommunications  
21 company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, shall charge  
22 a customer for any telecommunications service without the  
23 authorization of the customer to receive and be charged for such  
24 service.

25 (b) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an  
26 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
27 110b of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2011	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit any person from using a device to alter his or her name or telephone number on a caller identification display with the intent to defraud or cause harm and to prohibit telecommunications companies from charging customers for unauthorized services.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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