



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 199

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House Bill No. 5098

House of Representatives, March 31, 2014

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF "ROBO" CALLS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-256e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 No person may use any device which transmits an unsolicited
4 recorded telephone message for any commercial, business or
5 advertising purpose to any telephone customer in the state and which
6 continues the call and message after the customer hangs up the
7 receiver. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
8 fined not more than [five hundred] one thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	16-256e
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which increases fines from \$500 to \$1,000 for anyone who transmits certain recorded telephone message devices that do not disconnect immediately when the consumer hangs up, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) has not collected any fines that are associated with these recorded telephone messages.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF "ROBO" CALLS.

SUMMARY:

This bill increases the maximum fine, from \$500 to \$1,000, for anyone who transmits unsolicited business, commercial, or advertising messages to in-state customers through recorded telephone message devices that do not disconnect immediately when the consumer hangs up. These messages are often referred to as "robocalls."

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)