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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§269-\_\_\_\_\_ Telecommunications carriers; residential or  
5 personal lines; blocked calls. (a) Every telecommunications  
6 carrier shall automatically block any call made to a residential  
7 phone line or a personal mobile phone line of a customer  
8 domiciled in this State if the telephone number of the caller  
9 does not belong to:

10           (1) A provider of ambulance, police, fire, and other  
11 emergency services in this State, whether the provider  
12 is a governmental agency or under contract with a  
13 governmental agency;

14           (2) A governmental agency of this State or any of its  
15 counties, or the federal government;

16           (3) A financial institution licensed under chapter 412;



- 1        (4) A business entity registered with the department of  
2                    commerce and consumer affairs to do business in this  
3                    State;
- 4        (5) A professional entity licensed by the department of  
5                    commerce and consumer affairs, the department of  
6                    health, the judiciary, or a county, to offer  
7                    professional services in this State or a county, if  
8                    the professional entity is licensed by a county;
- 9        (6) An organization that is exempt from federal taxation  
10                   under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
11                   1986, as amended, and domiciled in this State; or
- 12        (7) A residential phone line or personal mobile phone line  
13                   that is verified as being associated with the account  
14                   of a customer of a telecommunications carrier  
15                   registered to do business in or outside of this State.
- 16        (b) The carrier shall unblock a call made to a customer  
17                   from a telephone number that would otherwise be blocked pursuant  
18                   to subsection (a); provided that the customer provides the  
19                   carrier with a written notice of specific telephone numbers that  
20                   the customer elects to unblock.




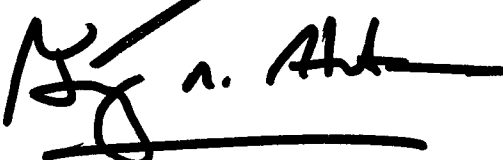


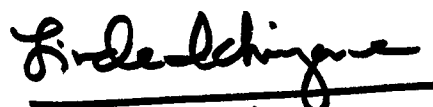


1        (c) The carrier shall block a call made to a customer from  
 2 a telephone number that would otherwise be unblocked pursuant to  
 3 subsection (a); provided that the customer provides the carrier  
 4 with a written notice of specific telephone numbers that the  
 5 customer elects to block; provided that this subsection shall  
 6 not apply to calls made from an entity described under  
 7 subsection (a)(1) and (2)."

8        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

9        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Telecommunications Carriers; Blocked Calls

**Description:**

Requires telecommunications carriers to block calls to residential phone lines and personal mobile phone lines made from telephone numbers that do not match any of the telephone numbers of certain excepted entities as a means to curb scam calls.

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