

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 581 – Telephone Solicitation – Caller Identification Blocking.

This bill prohibits a person engaged in “telephone solicitation” from blocking or otherwise preventing or controlling the transmission of information that identifies the solicitor to the recipient of the call. The bill exempts units of federal, State or local government.

Senate Bill 79, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 581.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 581

AN ACT concerning

Telephone Solicitation – Caller Identification Blocking

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, under certain circumstances, a person engaged in telephone solicitation from intentionally using any device or method to block, or taking any other action to prevent or control, the transmission of the telephone number of that person to a recipient of a telephone solicitation; defining a certain term; providing for certain exceptions; and providing penalties for violations of this Act.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utility Companies
Section 8-205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Utility Companies