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2 An act relating to telephone solicitation; creating s.
3 365.176, F.S.; providing a short title; defining
4 terms; authorizing telecommunication providers to
5 block certain calls; prohibiting the blocking of
6 certain calls; authorizing telecommunication providers
7 to rely upon caller identification service information
8 to determine originating numbers for the purpose of
9 blocking such calls; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 365.176, Florida Statutes, is created
14 to read:

15 365.176 Florida Call-Blocking Act.—

16 (1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Call-
17 Blocking Act."

18 (2) As used in this section, the term:

19 (a) "Caller identification service" means a service that
20 allows a telephone subscriber to have the telephone number and,
21 if available, the name of the calling party transmitted
22 contemporaneously with the telephone call and displayed on a
23 device in or connected to the subscriber's telephone.

24 (b) "Pooling administrator" means the Thousands-Block
25 Pooling Administrator as identified in 47 C.F.R. s. 52.20.

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26 (c) "Provider" means a telecommunications company that
 27 provides voice communications services to customers in this
 28 state.

29 (3) Consistent with authorization provided by federal law
 30 and rules of the Federal Communications Commission or its
 31 successors, providers operating in this state may block calls in
 32 the following manner:

33 (a) Providers may block a voice call when the subscriber
 34 to which the originating number is assigned has requested that
 35 calls purporting to originate from that number be blocked
 36 because the number is used for inbound calls only.

37 (b) Providers may block calls originating from the
 38 following numbers:

39 1. A number that is not a valid North American Numbering
 40 Plan number;

41 2. A valid North American Numbering Plan number that is
 42 not allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan
 43 Administrator or the pooling administrator; and

44 3. A valid North American Numbering Plan number that is
 45 allocated to a provider by the North American Numbering Plan
 46 Administrator or pooling administrator, but is unused, so long
 47 as the provider blocking the calls is the allocatee of the
 48 number and confirms that the number is unused or has obtained
 49 verification from the allocatee that the number is unused at the
 50 time of the blocking.

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52 Providers may not block a voice call pursuant to subparagraph 1.
53 or subparagraph 2. if the call is an emergency call placed to
54 911.

55 (4) For purposes of blocking calls from certain
56 originating numbers as authorized in this section, a provider
57 may rely on caller identification service information to
58 determine the originating number.

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.