

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1140

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Provides relative to regulating telecommunications

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 51:1741.6, relative to regulating telecommunications; to provide for  
3 definitions; to provide for the regulation of certain calls; to provide for the  
4 requirements of telecommunication providers; to provide for the duties of the  
5 attorney general; to provide for penalties; to provide for liability; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 51:1741.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1741.6. Stop The Calls Act

10 A. As used in this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

11 (1) "Call authentication technology" means the STIR/SHAKEN protocols  
12 or any successor technology required by federal law.

13 (2) "Telecommunications provider" means any entity providing voice service  
14 to customers in this state, including interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol, or  
15 VoIP, providers and intermediate providers.

16 B. A telecommunications provider operating in this state shall do all of the  
17 following:

18 (1) Implement call authentication technology consistent with federal law and  
19 Federal Communication Commission regulations.

1           (2) Maintain and file a robocall mitigation plan consistent with federal  
2           requirements.

3           (3) Take reasonable steps to prevent, detect, and mitigate unlawful caller  
4           identification spoofing traffic originating on or passing through its network.

5           (4) Investigate a credible notice from the attorney general that unlawful  
6           spoofed traffic is being transmitted over its network.

7           C. A telecommunications provider shall not do any of the following:

8           (1) Knowingly transmit spoofed caller identification information with the  
9           intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

10          (2) Knowingly provide substantial assistance or support to a person engaged  
11          in unlawful caller identification spoofing.

12          (3) Continue to carry traffic for a customer or upstream provider after  
13          receiving written notice from the attorney general that the traffic is unlawful, unless  
14          corrective action is taken within thirty days.

15          D.(1) The attorney general may bring a civil action to enforce the provisions  
16          of this Section, for injunctive relief, civil penalties, restitution, and investigative  
17          costs.

18          (2) Civil penalties outlined in this Section shall not exceed ten thousand  
19          dollars per knowing violation and one thousand dollars per negligent failure to  
20          implement required mitigation measures.

21          (3) Each day of continued violation after written notice constitutes a separate  
22          violation.

23          E. A telecommunications provider shall not be liable pursuant to this Section  
24          if it meets all of the following requirements:

25          (1) Implements and maintains call authentication technology and mitigation  
26          programs consistent with federal requirements.

27          (2) Acts in good faith to block or mitigate unlawful traffic.

28          (3) Does not knowingly facilitate unlawful spoofing.

1           F. Nothing in this Section shall impose strict liability on a  
 2           telecommunications provider solely because unlawful spoofed traffic transits its  
 3           network.

4           G. This Section shall be interpreted consistently with federal law, including  
 5           the Truth in Caller ID Act and the TRACED Act, and shall not be construed to  
 6           conflict with federal preemption.

7           Section 2. This Act shall be known as and may be cited as the "Stop The Calls" Act.

#### DIGEST

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HB 1140 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the regulation of telecommunications.

Proposed law defines "call authentication technology" and "telecommunications provider".

Proposed law requires a telecommunications provider operating in this state to do all of the following:

- (1) Implement call authentication technology consistent with federal law and regulations.
- (2) Maintain and file a robocall mitigation plan consistent with federal requirements.
- (3) Take reasonable steps to prevent, detect, and mitigate unlawful caller identification spoofing traffic originating on or passing through its network.
- (4) Investigate credible notice from the attorney general that unlawful spoofed traffic is being transmitted over its network.

Proposed law prohibits a telecommunications provider from doing any of the following:

- (1) Knowingly transmit spoofed caller identification information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value.
- (2) Knowingly provide substantial assistance or support to a person engaged in unlawful caller identification spoofing.
- (3) Continue to carry traffic for a customer or upstream provider after receiving written notice from the attorney general that the traffic is unlawful, unless corrective action is taken within 30 days.

Proposed law allows the attorney general to bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of proposed law for injunctive relief, civil penalties, restitution, and investigative costs.

Proposed law provides that the civil penalties shall not exceed \$10,000 for a knowing violation and not exceed \$1,000 for a negligent failure to implement required mitigation measures.

Proposed law provides that a telecommunications provider shall not be liable, if it meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Implements and maintains call authentication technology and mitigation programs consistent with federal requirements.
- (2) Acts in good faith to block or mitigate unlawful traffic.
- (3) Does not knowingly facilitate unlawful spoofing.

Proposed law provides nothing in proposed law shall impose strict liability on a telecommunications provider solely because unlawful spoofed traffic transits its network.

Proposed law requires proposed law to be interpreted consistently with federal law and shall not be construed to conflict with federal preemption.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Stop The Calls" Act.

(Adds R.S. 51:1741.6)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.