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**District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Directs BPU to undertake public awareness campaign concerning telecommunications carriers, including mobile and Voice over Internet Protocol service providers, and disclosure of customer information.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning telecommunications carriers and customer  
2 information and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
5 Legislature as this bill):

6 “Board” means the Board of Public Utilities.

7 “Customer proprietary network information” shall have the same  
8 meaning as provided in subsection (h) of section 222 of the  
9 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. c.222(h)).

10 “Telecommunications carrier” means a telephone company  
11 regulated as a public utility under Title 48 of the Revised Statutes,  
12 an interexchange telecommunications carrier and a local exchange  
13 telecommunications company as those terms are defined in section  
14 2 of P.L.1991, c.428 (C.48:2-21.17), a provider of VoIP service as  
15 that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.2007, c.195 (C.48:17-34), or  
16 a mobile telecommunications company as that term is defined in  
17 section 1 of P.L.2004, c.48 (C.52:17C-17), and that conducts  
18 business in the State.

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20 2. a. The Board of Public Utilities, in consultation with the  
21 Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public  
22 Safety, shall develop and undertake a public awareness campaign to  
23 promote awareness among State residents about the disclosure of  
24 customer proprietary network information by a telecommunications  
25 carrier. The campaign may incorporate print and electronic media.

26 b. The public awareness campaign shall include, but not be  
27 limited to, the following:

28 (1) a comprehensive summary of State and federal law  
29 concerning the disclosure of customer proprietary network  
30 information by a telecommunications carrier;

31 (2) the circumstances under which a telecommunications carrier  
32 may disclose customer proprietary network information; and

33 (3) information on accessing and understanding the privacy  
34 policies of a telecommunications carrier.

35 c. The board shall make available electronically on its website  
36 information about State and federal law concerning the disclosure  
37 of customer proprietary network information by a  
38 telecommunications carrier.

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40 3. The board shall develop and adopt regulations, pursuant to  
41 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
42 seq.), requiring telecommunications carriers, except Voice over  
43 Internet Protocol service providers, to conspicuously display a  
44 summary of the carrier’s privacy policy on the periodic bill of each  
45 customer and to conspicuously display the carrier’s privacy policy  
46 in 10-point bold-faced type in customer contracts for  
47 telecommunications service.

1       4. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after the date of  
2 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7       This bill directs the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), in  
8 consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the  
9 Department of Law and Public Safety, to develop a public  
10 awareness campaign to promote awareness among State residents  
11 about the disclosure of customer proprietary network information by  
12 telecommunications carriers. The campaign may include print and  
13 electronic media.

14       The public awareness campaign that the BPU is directed to  
15 develop includes, but is not limited to, the following information:  
16 (1) a comprehensive summary of State and federal law concerning  
17 the disclosure of customer proprietary network information by  
18 telecommunications carriers; (2) the circumstances under which a  
19 telecommunications carrier may disclose customer proprietary  
20 network information; and (3) information on accessing and  
21 understanding the privacy policies of telecommunications carriers.

22       This bill directs the board to make available electronically on its  
23 website information about State and federal law concerning the  
24 disclosure of customer proprietary network information by  
25 telecommunications carriers.

26       This bill also directs the BPU to develop regulations requiring  
27 telecommunications carriers, except Voice over Internet Protocol  
28 (VoIP) service providers, to conspicuously display a summary of  
29 the carrier's privacy policy on the monthly bill of each customer  
30 and to conspicuously display the carrier's privacy policy in 10-point  
31 bold-faced type in customer contracts for telecommunications  
32 service.

33       In this bill, "customer proprietary network information" is  
34 defined the same as is provided in federal law and  
35 "telecommunications carrier" is defined as a telephone company  
36 regulated as a public utility under Title 48 of the Revised Statutes,  
37 an interexchange telecommunications carrier and a local exchange  
38 telecommunications company, a VoIP service provider, or a mobile  
39 telecommunications carrier as those terms are defined in State law  
40 and that conducts business in the State.