

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1539**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to protect consumer privacy rights..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 166 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 45. To ensure that consumer privacy rights are preserved for all residents of the  
4 Commonwealth, telecommunications providers shall:

5 (a) maintain their customer telephone database internally, and under no circumstances  
6 release this information to any private entity or subcontractor; and

7 (b) fully mask a customer’s telephone number when providing information on a  
8 customer’s bill payment history to any credit reporting bureau.

9 Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense and  
10 \$5,000 for each subsequent offense.

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