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Introduced by Representative Condon of Colchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Campaign finance; electioneering communications; robotic telephone  
calls

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the  
use of robotic telephone calls for electioneering communication unless a live  
operator obtains consent from the recipient to play the message.

An act relating to prohibiting the use of robotic telephone calls for  
electioneering communications unless the operator has obtained consent  
from the recipient

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2974 is added to read:

§ 2974. ROBOTIC TELEPHONE CALLS

An electioneering communication shall not be made by robotic telephone  
call unless:

(1) at the time the call is answered by a recipient, a natural person:

(A) informs the recipient that the person wishes to play a recorded

message;

1           (B) informs the recipient that he or she may refuse to have the  
2           recorded message played; and

3           (C) asks the recipient if he or she gives permission for the recorded  
4           message to be played; and

5           (2) the recipient states that he or she gives permission for the recorded  
6           message to be played.

7           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.