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Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Brownell of Pownal,  
Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Cina of  
Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow  
of Corinth, Donovan of Burlington, Harrison of Chittenden,  
Hooper of Randolph, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of  
South Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington,  
O’Sullivan of Burlington, Palasik of Milton, Patt of Worcester,  
Seymour of Sutton, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; consumer protection

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the  
Vermont Attorney General to study and report on methods of protecting  
Vermont consumers against spoofing calls, robocalls, and e-mail solicitations.

An act relating to promoting consumer privacy and security

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

2 Sec. 1. CONSUMER PRIVACY; ATTORNEY GENERAL; REPORT

3 (a)(1) The Attorney General shall review and consider mechanisms to  
4 improve consumer privacy and security relating to the proliferation of  
5 telephone number spoofing, robocalls, and e-mail solicitations.

6 (2) The Attorney General shall consult technical experts, federal and  
7 State laws and enforcement mechanisms, and interested stakeholders as  
8 necessary.

9 (3) The Attorney General shall consider specifically whether and how  
10 telephone, e-mail, and other technology service providers should be held  
11 responsible for limiting or eliminating deceptive, fraudulent, or unsolicited  
12 communications to Vermont consumers.

13 (b) On or before December 15, 2020, the Attorney General shall submit by  
14 electronic means a report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
15 legislative proposals, to each member of the General Assembly.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.