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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Till of Jericho, Anthony of Barre City,
Browning of Arlington, Donovan of Burlington, Masland of
Thetford, and Scheu of Middlebury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Taxation; telecommunications; robocalls

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to impose a tax on any telecommunications service provider that allows a robocall to be completed through its network by means of mobile, landline, or Voice over Internet Protocol service when that robocall is prohibited pursuant to the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act, 15 U.S.C. chapter 87 and applicable rules. The tax shall be in the amount of \$1.00 for each federally prohibited call completed through its network, irrespective of whether the intended recipient answers. For purposes of this bill, a robocall shall include an artificial, prerecorded, or human voice. In addition, this bill requires telecommunications providers to offer call mitigation technology to Vermont customers, upon request, at no additional charge.

1 An act relating to taxing robocalls

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

3 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)