AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Filippi, Shanley, Regunberg, and Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: April 06, 2017

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6-48 of the General Laws entitled “Consumer Empowerment and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2006” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:


No telecommunication or Internet service provider that has entered into a franchise agreement, right-of-way agreement, or other contract with the state of Rhode Island or political subdivision, instrumentality or quasi-public agency of the same, or that uses facilities that are subject to such agreements, even if it is not a party to the agreement, may collect personal information from a customer resulting from the customer's use of the telecommunications or Internet service provider without express written approval from the customer. No such telecommunication or Internet service provider shall refuse to provide its services to a customer on the grounds that the customer has not approved collection of the customer's personal information.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

A N   A C T

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

***

1 This act would prevent any state or municipal agency's telecommunications or Internet
2 contractor from collecting and disseminating the personal information of customers.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

==========
LC002383
==========