1 AN ACT concerning business.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Automatic Telephone Dialers Act is amended by changing Section 30 and by adding Section 22 as follows:
- 6 (815 ILCS 305/22 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 22. Recordkeeping.</u>
- 8 <u>(a) A person who operates an autodialer to communicate a</u>
 9 <u>commercial message shall maintain a list of all telephone</u>
 10 numbers called.
- 11 <u>(b) A person who operates an autodialer to communicate a</u>
 12 <u>commercial message shall maintain records to sufficiently</u>
 13 document any exemption claimed under Section 20 of this Act.
- 14 (815 ILCS 305/30) (from Ch. 134, par. 130)
- 15 Sec. 30. Violations.
- 16 (a) It is a violation of this Act to make or cause to be
 17 made telephone calls utilizing an autodialer to any emergency
 18 telephone number as defined in Section 5. It is a violation of
 19 this Act to make or cause to be made telephone calls utilizing
 20 an autodialer in a manner that does not comply with Section 15.
- 21 (b) It is a violation of this Act to play a prerecorded 22 message placed by an autodialer without the consent of the

called party.

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- 2 (c) Enforcement by customer. Any customer injured by a
- 3 violation of this Act may bring an action for the recovery of
- damages. Judgment may be entered for 3 times the amount at 4
- 5 which the actual damages are assessed, plus costs and
- 6 reasonable attorney fees.
- 7 (c-5) In addition to the damages authorized under
- 8 subsection (c), a consumer may obtain statutory damages in the
- 9 amount of \$500 per violation.
- 10 (d) Enforcement by Attorney General. Violation of any of
- 11 the provisions of this Act is an unlawful practice under
- 12 Section 2Z of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
- Practices Act. All remedies, penalties and authority granted to 13
- 14 the Attorney General by that Act shall be available to him for
- 15 the enforcement of this Act. In any action brought by the
- 16 Attorney General to enforce this Act, the court may order that
- 17 persons who incurred actual damages be awarded the amount at
- which actual damages are assessed. <u>In addition to actual</u> 18
- 19 damages, a court may order that each person who received a call
- 20 in violation of this Act be awarded statutory damages in the
- amount of \$500 per violation. 21
- 22 (Source: P.A. 91-182, eff. 1-1-00.)
- 23 Section 10. The Restricted Call Registry Act is amended by
- 24 adding Sections 45 and 50 as follows:

- 1 (815 ILCS 402/45 new)
- 2 Sec. 45. Recordkeeping.
- 3 (a) A person who makes or causes to be made calls to
- 4 communicate a commercial message subject to this Act shall
- 5 maintain a list of all telephone numbers called.
- 6 (b) A person who makes or causes to be made calls to
- 7 communicate a commercial message subject to this Act shall
- maintain records to sufficiently document any exemption 8
- 9 claimed under Section 40 of this Act.
- 10 (815 ILCS 402/50 new)
- 11 Sec. 50. Enforcement by subscriber. Any subscriber who
- 12 receives a call in violation of this Act may bring an action
- for the recovery of damages. In addition to actual damages, if 13
- any, the subscriber may obtain statutory damages in the amount 14
- 15 of \$500 per violation.
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 16
- 17 becoming law.