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MEMORANDUM

To:

House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

From:

Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date:

February 18, 2020

Subject:

House Bill 2620

House Bill 2620 would prohibit any person or entity from:

- 1. Offering "spoofing technology" for download, purchase or use in any electronic store, gateway, marketplace, application, website or any other means of downloading, purchasing or using such technology; or
- 2. Using "spoofing technology" in connection with any communications service including any telecommunications, wireless, broadband or VoIP service.

"Spoofing technology" is defined in HB 2620 as any application, software or technology that is used to knowingly cause a caller-ID service to transmit false or misleading caller-ID information with the intent to defraud, harass, cause harm or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

A violation of the conduct prohibited by HB 2620 would be an unconscionable act or practice under the consumer protection act and could subject the violator to the remedies and penalties pursuant to such act.

The provisions of HB 2620 would not apply to blocking of caller-ID information, any authorized activity of law enforcement or for uses authorized pursuant to a court order.