

A TELEPHONE COMPANY MAY NOT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF AN ORDER PROCESSING CHARGE OR LINE CHANGE CHARGE FOR A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER'S FIRST CHANGE FROM LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE BASED ON CHARGES FOR MEASURED TIME PERIOD UNIT RATES, IF THE CHANGE OCCURS WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE THAT THE CONSUMER ELECTS THIS TELEPHONE SERVICE.

(D) CHARGES FOR THE DISTANCE OF A CALL WITHIN A LOCAL CALLING AREA PROHIBITED.

THE COMMISSION MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A TELEPHONE COMPANY TO CHARGE FOR THE DISTANCE OF A CALL WITHIN A LOCAL CALLING AREA.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 78, § 68(c)(1), (2), (3), (5), and (6).

The only other changes are in style.

Former Art. 78, § 68(c)(4), which prohibited certain charges on a residential customer's change of service until December 1, 1985, is deleted as obsolete.

Defined terms: "Commission" § 1-101

"Rate" § 1-101

"Telephone company" § 1-101

8-204. TELEPHONE SOLICITATION; AUTOMATED DIALING.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) A UNIT OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT USES AN AUTOMATED DIALING PRERECORDED MESSAGE MACHINE FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES; OR

(2) A PERSON WHO HAS A PREEXISTING BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH, OR THE CONSENT OF, THE PERSON CALLED.

(B) GENERAL PROHIBITION.

A PERSON MAY NOT USE AN AUTOMATED DIALING, PUSH-BUTTON, OR TONE-ACTIVATED ADDRESS SIGNALING SYSTEM WITH A PRERECORDED MESSAGE TO:

(1) SOLICIT PERSONS TO PURCHASE, LEASE, OR RENT GOODS OR SERVICES;

(2) OFFER A GIFT OR PRIZE;

(3) CONDUCT A POLL; OR

(4) REQUEST SURVEY INFORMATION IF THE RESULTS WILL BE USED DIRECTLY TO SOLICIT PERSONS TO PURCHASE, LEASE, OR RENT GOODS OR SERVICES.