

SENATE NO. 1988

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMER PRIVACY RIGHTS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 166 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 45. To ensure that consumer privacy rights are preserved for all residents of the
4 Commonwealth, telecommunications providers shall:

5 (a) maintain their customer telephone database internally, and under no circumstances release
6 this information to any private entity or subcontractor; and

7 (b) fully mask a customer's telephone number when providing information on a customer's bill
8 payment history to any credit reporting bureau.

9 Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense and
10 \$5,000 for each subsequent offense.