

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 684**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2501**

**By Haynes, Berke, Burks, Barnes, Marrero**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2503

By Moore, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, Part 15, relative to ADAD equipment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, Part 15, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 47-18-15\_\_.

(a) It is an offense for any person to utilize any ADAD equipment to intentionally:

(1) Dial telephone numbers with area codes within the state; and

(2) Conceal or misrepresent the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment on the call recipient's telephone or other equipment that is technically capable of displaying the number by:

(A) Displaying a telephone number other than the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment;

(B) Not displaying the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment; or

(C) Displaying an "unknown number" message or similar message instead of the telephone number utilized by the ADAD equipment.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor punishable only by a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each violation. For purposes of criminal liability, a court shall deem each call made in violation of this section as a separate offense.

(c) It shall not be a violation of this section to display a phone number, different from the phone number being utilized by the ADAD equipment, on behalf of a person if:

(1) The phone number displayed on behalf of the person has a Tennessee area code or is a toll-free number;

(2) The phone number displayed on behalf of the person is answered during regular business hours by a designated representative of such person; and

(3) The person's name is displayed along with the phone number described in subdivisions (1) and (2).

(d) The offenses described in this act shall not apply to a telecommunications, broadband, or voice-over-internet services provider acting solely as an intermediary for a transmission of telephone service between a caller and a recipient.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 17, 2010**

  
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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 31st day of March 2010**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR