

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB693

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 19, 2019
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Halloran
One Liner: Prohibit the selling, renting, or conveying of telephone numbers

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, DeBoer, Friesen, Hilgers, Hughes
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 2 Senators Geist, Cavanaugh

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Steve Halloran
Tim Schram
Meghan Stoppel
Danny DeLong
Larry D. TeSelle

Representing:

Introducer
NE Public Service Commission
NE Attorney General's Office
AARP Nebraska
self

Opponents:

Eric Carstenson
Julia Plucker

Representing:

NE Telecommunications Assoc
NE Cable Communications Assoc

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 693 is new language that would adopt the Neighbor Spoofing Protection Act and would prohibit the selling, renting, or conveying of telephone numbers to out-of-state persons, with some exceptions. If a member of the general public could determine the source of the telephone number from his or her telecommunications provider, or was listed or available from directory assistance, the provisions of the bill would not apply.

The prohibition would not apply to numbers (a) used to provide access to one-controlled devices for which restricted access to the numbering resource is justified; (b) used for an authorized activity of a law enforcement agency; or (c) required to be unlisted by court order.

It also prohibits persons knowingly to cause a caller-ID service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller-ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm or wrongfully obtain anything of value. It does not prevent caller-ID blocking.

The bill would not apply to authorized activity by a law enforcement agency or pursuant to a court order authorizing the use of caller-ID manipulation. Local exchange carriers and telecommunications carriers would not be responsible for enforcement. The Public Service Commission would be in charge of enforcement and could assess penalties. The

penalty for each violation could not exceed \$2,000.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson