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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Richard R. Tisei**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect consumer privacy rights.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Richard R. Tisei | Middlesex and Essex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01988 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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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:*

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

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

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

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

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