

§1496. Unsolicited telefacsimile transmissions prohibited

1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Telefacsimile" means any process in which electronic signals are transmitted by means of a telephone system for immediate direct printing as images or written text, excluding telecommunication signals transmitted by devices for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. [PL 2021, c. 348, §14 (AMD).]

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2. Prohibition. No person may initiate:

A. The unsolicited transmission of a telefacsimile message:

(1) Seeking charitable contributions; or

(2) Promoting real property, goods or services for purchase or rent by the recipient of such a message. [PL 1989, c. 758 (NEW).]

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3. Exception. Subsection 2, paragraph A, does not apply if the person initiating the transmission and the recipient have a contractual or business relationship and no request to cease any such transmission has been made by the recipient in writing or by telefacsimile message to the person initiating the transmission.

[PL 1989, c. 758 (NEW).]

4. Penalty. Violation of this chapter is an unfair trade practice as prohibited by Title 5, section 207. Each complete telefacsimile transmission constitutes a separate violation.

[PL 1989, c. 758 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 758 (NEW). PL 2021, c. 348, §14 (AMD).

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