

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 78 – Public Service Commission Law**

55C.

(A) ~~{A} UNLESS THERE IS AN EXISTING BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH, OR THE CONSENT OF, THE RECIPIENT OF THE CALL,~~ A person may not utilize an automated dialing or push-button or tone-activated address signaling system with a prerecorded message for the sole purpose of soliciting persons to purchase goods or services, or requesting survey information where results are to be used directly for the purpose of soliciting persons to purchase goods or services.

(B) THE SENDER OF AN AUTOMATED DIALING, PUSH-BUTTON, OR TONE-ACTIVATED ADDRESS SIGNALING CALL SHALL DISCONNECT THE PRERECORDED MESSAGE MACHINE FROM THE RECIPIENT’S TELEPHONE LINE WITHIN 5 10 SECONDS UPON AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE CALL BY EITHER THE PERSON CALLING OR THE PERSON CALLED.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) AN AGENCY OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT USES AN AUTOMATED DIALING PRERECORDED MESSAGE MACHINE FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES; OR

(2) ANY PERSON WHO HAS A PREEXISTING BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH, OR THE CONSENT OF, THE PERSON CALLED.

(D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ~~\$500 FOR EACH OFFENSE~~ \$1,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE AND NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.

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CHAPTER 608

(House Bill 844)

AN ACT concerning

**Frederick County – Lake Linganore P.U.D. – Road Districts**