

section (a) shall be the same as that provided under section 615a of this title to wireless carriers, public safety answering points, and users of wireless 9-1-1 service (as defined in paragraphs (4), (3), and (6), respectively, of section 615b of this title¹) with respect to such release, use, and other matters.

(Pub. L. 112-96, title VI, §6506, Feb. 22, 2012, 126 Stat. 242.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 615b of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original a reference to section 6 of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, Pub. L. 106-81, and was translated as if it had been a reference to section 7 of Pub. L. 106-81, which is classified to section 615b of this title, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the renumbering of section 6 of Pub. L. 106-81 as section 7 by Pub. L. 110-283, title I, §101(1), July 23, 2008, 122 Stat. 2620. Pub. L. 110-283, title I, §101(3), July 23, 2008, 122 Stat. 2620 enacted a new section 6 of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 which is classified to section 215a-1 of this title, but that section does not contain definitions.

§ 1473. Commission proceeding on autodialing

(a) In general

Not later than 90 days after February 22, 2012, the Commission shall initiate a proceeding to create a specialized Do-Not-Call registry for public safety answering points.

(b) Features of the registry

The Commission shall issue regulations, after providing the public with notice and an opportunity to comment, that—

- (1) permit verified public safety answering point administrators or managers to register

the telephone numbers of all 9-1-1 trunks and other lines used for the provision of emergency services to the public or for communications between public safety agencies;

- (2) provide a process for verifying, no less frequently than once every 7 years, that registered numbers should continue to appear upon the registry;

- (3) provide a process for granting and tracking access to the registry by the operators of automatic dialing equipment;

- (4) protect the list of registered numbers from disclosure or dissemination by parties granted access to the registry; and

- (5) prohibit the use of automatic dialing or “robocall” equipment to establish contact with registered numbers.

(c) Enforcement

The Commission shall—

- (1) establish monetary penalties for violations of the protective regulations established pursuant to subsection (b)(4) of not less than \$100,000 per incident nor more than \$1,000,000 per incident;

- (2) establish monetary penalties for violations of the prohibition on automatically dialing registered numbers established pursuant to subsection (b)(5) of not less than \$10,000 per call nor more than \$100,000 per call; and

- (3) provide for the imposition of fines under paragraphs (1) or (2) that vary depending upon whether the conduct leading to the violation was negligent, grossly negligent, reckless, or willful, and depending on whether the violation was a first or subsequent offence.

(Pub. L. 112-96, title VI, §6507, Feb. 22, 2012, 126 Stat. 243.)

¹ See References in Text note below.