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An Act to Provide for Increased Academic Research by Allowing the Gathering of Data or Statistics by Telephone

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1498, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 197, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 B. "Solicitation calls" means calls, including facsimile transmissions, the purpose of
5 which is any of the following:

6 (1) To offer real property, goods or services for sale or rent;

7 (2) To convey information on real property, goods or services to solicit sales or
8 purchases;

9 (3) To promote or solicit charitable contributions; or

10 (4) To ~~gather data or statistics or~~ solicit information.

11 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1498, sub-§6, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 185, §3, is
12 amended to read:

13 E. Deliver information with the prior, written, express consent of the recipient of the
14 call; ~~or~~

15 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1498, sub-§6, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 185, §3, is
16 amended to read:

17 F. Communicate with a business about reservations, purchases and other information
18 for customers such as hours of operation, directions and merchandise availability; or

19 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1498, sub-§6, ¶G** is enacted to read:

20 G. Gather data or statistics.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill exempts gathering data or statistics from the prohibition on using an
23 automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded voice to make solicitation
24 calls.