

HOUSE BILL 446

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Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2010
Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Telephone Companies – Distribution of Telephone Directories – Customer**
3 **Opt Out**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a telephone company to provide customers with an
5 opportunity to opt out of receiving telephone directories distributed by, or on
6 behalf of, the telephone company; requiring the Public Service Commission to
7 adopt regulations to carry out this Act; and generally relating to telephone
8 companies and the distribution of telephone directories.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Public Utility Companies
11 Section 8–206
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

17 **8–206.**

18 **(A) A TELEPHONE COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE EACH CUSTOMER WITH AN**
19 **OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF RECEIVING TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES**
20 **DISTRIBUTED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.**

21 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
22 **SECTION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2010.