

1 AN ACT concerning electronic mail.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Electronic Mail Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 511/5)

7 Sec. 5. Definitions. As-used In this Act:

8 "Electronic mail advertisement" means any electronic mail
9 message, the principal purpose of which is to promote,
10 directly or indirectly, the sale or other distribution of
11 goods or services to the recipient.

12 "Unsolicited electronic mail advertisement" means any
13 electronic mail advertisement that (i) is addressed to a
14 recipient with whom the initiator does not have a prior or
15 existing business or personal relationship and (ii) is not
16 sent at the request of or with the express consent of the
17 recipient.

18 "Electronic mail service provider" means any business or
19 organization qualified to do business in Illinois that
20 provides registered users the ability to send or receive
21 electronic mail through equipment located in this State and
22 that is an intermediary in sending or receiving electronic
23 mail.

24 "Initiation" of an electronic mail message refers to the
25 action by the initial sender of the electronic mail message.
26 "Initiation" does not refer to the actions of any intervening
27 electronic mail service provider that may handle or
28 retransmit the electronic mail message.

29 "Registered user" means any individual or entity that
30 maintains an electronic mail address with an electronic mail
31 service provider.

1 "Electronic mail address" means a destination, commonly
2 expressed as a string of characters, to which electronic mail
3 may be sent or delivered.

4 "Internet domain name" refers to a globally unique,
5 hierarchical reference to an Internet host or service,
6 assigned through centralized Internet naming authorities,
7 comprising a series of character strings separated by
8 periods, with the right-most string specifying the top of the
9 hierarchy.

10 (Source: P.A. 91-233, eff. 1-1-00.)