

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.)