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The Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 (TCPA), makes it unlawful for any person, absent the "prior express consent of the called party," to make non-emergency calls using any Automated Telephone Dialing System (ATDS) to any telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone service. Anyone who violates the TCPA may be liable for "actual monetary loss" or \$500 in damages for each violation, whichever is greater.

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