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§ 51:2008. Computer spyware prohibitions.

A person or entity that is not an authorized user shall not knowingly or willfully cause computer software to be copied or procure the copying onto the computer of an authorized user in this state and use the software to do any of the following acts:

(1) Modify through deceptive means any of the settings related to the computer's access to or use of the Internet including the following:

- (a) The page that appears when an authorized user launches an Internet browser or similar software program used to access and navigate the Internet.
- (b) The default provider or Internet web site proxy that the authorized user uses to access or search the Internet.
- (c) The authorized user's list of bookmarks used to access Internet web site pages.

(2) Collect through deceptive means personally identifiable information that meets any of the following criteria:

- (a) It is collected through the use of a keystroke-logging function that records all keystrokes made by an authorized user who uses the computer and transfers that information from the computer to another person.
- (b) It includes all or substantially all of the Internet web sites visited by an authorized user, other than Internet web sites of the provider of the software, if the computer software was installed in a manner designed to conceal from all authorized users of the computer the fact that the software is being installed.
- (c) It is a data element described in R.S. 51:2007(11)(b), (c), (d), or (e)(i) or (ii) that is extracted from the authorized user's computer hard drive for a purpose wholly unrelated to any of the purposes of the software or service described to an authorized user.

(3) Prevent, without the authorization of an authorized user, through deceptive means an authorized user's reasonable efforts to block the installation of or to disable software by causing software that the authorized user has properly removed or disabled to automatically reinstall or reactivate on the computer without the authorization of an authorized user.

- (4) Misrepresent that software will be uninstalled or disabled by an authorized user's action with knowledge that the software will not be so uninstalled or disabled.
- (5) Through deceptive means, remove, disable, or render inoperative security, anti-spyware, or anti-virus software installed on the computer.

History

Acts 2006, No. 392, § 1, eff. Aug. 15, 2006.

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