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Common carriers to be required by law to prevent voice phishing.

- Amendment to the Telecommunications Business Act passes the Cabinet meeting. -

A partial amendment to the Telecommunications Business Act, featuring mandatory measures common carriers must take to prevent voice phishing, and the introduction of a user protection evaluation system, passed the Cabinet meeting on September 18.

The amendment is the same as the bill submitted by the Korea Communications Commission (KCC, Chairman Kye-Cheol Lee) to the National Assembly in 2011 but scrapped as the 18th National Assembly was dissolved. As it covers important issues related to people's lives such as prevention of voice phishing and introduction of a user protection evaluation system, the legislative process resumed quickly as soon as the 19th National Assembly opened.

※ Progress: Prior announcement of legislation (May 25~June 11), Review by the Regulatory Reform Committee (July 27), and evaluation by the

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- ※ The amendment passed the Legislation and Judiciary Subcommittee under the 18th National Assembly's committee for culture, sports, broadcasting and telecommunications without any disagreement between the opposing parties.

The amendment includes improvements in the licensing procedure for network service providers, promotion of joint installation of telecommunications equipment and facilities, and improvements in operational weaknesses of the current law as well as reinforcing user protection (see the press release of November 21, 2011 when KCC made the decision).

The KCC plans to submit the amendment to the National Assembly in September, and get it passed as soon as possible.