

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H 3013 General Bill, By Davenport, Littlejohn, Simrill, Bales, Coates, Richardson and Cotty

Summary: Telephone Solicitation List Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, AND EXPRESS COMPANIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 SO AS TO ENACT THE "TELEPHONE SOLICITATION LIST ACT", TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPILATION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF A LIST OF TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT OBJECT TO BEING SOLICITED BY TELEPHONE, TO REQUIRE TELEPHONE SOLICITORS TO ACQUIRE THE LIST FOR A FEE AND PROHIBIT THEM FROM SOLICITING CUSTOMERS WHO ARE NOT ON THE LIST BY TELEPHONE, TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OF THE LIST FROM ONE SOLICITOR TO ANOTHER, TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONSENT TO CALLS FROM CERTAIN TELEPHONE SOLICITORS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE "TELEPHONE SOLICITATION LIST" DATABASE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-445, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIMINAL REGULATION OF UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE CALLS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CALLS FROM TELEPHONE SOLICITORS AFTER SIX O'CLOCK P.M. AND BEFORE NINE O'CLOCK A.M., TO REQUIRE THE USE OF THE "TELEPHONE SOLICITATION LIST" BY A TELEPHONE SOLICITOR, AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A MEANS OF CIRCUMVENTING A TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER'S CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICE.

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