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H 3671 General Bill, By Snow and Lourie

Summary: Do Not Call Registry Act of 2001, Telephone calls, unsolicited, database established; Consumer Affairs, Telephones

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 18 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE "DO NOT CALL REGISTRY" AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A DATABASE OF RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS WHO OBJECT TO RECEIVING CERTAIN TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DATABASE BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR FEES TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS WHO APPLY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE AND TO PERSONS OR ENTITIES ACCESSING THE DATABASE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEES ARE USED TO MAINTAIN THE DATABASE, TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR TELEPHONE SOLICITORS WHO CALL TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON THE REGISTRY MORE THAN ONCE IN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, TO PROVIDE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT TELEPHONE CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICES ARE NOT LIABLE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHAPTER'S ENFORCEMENT OR LIABLE FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THE DATABASE; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MATTERS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO ADD THE DATABASE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-445, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF UNSOLICITED CONSUMER TELEPHONE CALLS, SO AS TO REFERENCE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER.

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