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S 0519 General Bill, By Alexander Similar (S 0227, S 0388, H 3012, H 3040, H 3119) Summary: Unwanted Telephone Solicitation

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE "DO NOT CALL REGISTRY" AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A DATABASE OF RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS WHO OBJECT TO RECEIVING CERTAIN TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS, TO DEFINE THE TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DATABASE BY THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR FEES TO BE CHARGED TO PERSONS OR ENTITIES ACCESSING THE DATABASE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEES ARE USED TO MAINTAIN THE DATABASE, TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR TELEPHONE SOLICITORS. WHO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE, TO PROVIDE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT TELEPHONE CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICES ARE NOT LIABLE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARTICLE'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 ARTICLE; 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 ARTICLE. Introduced and read first time SJ-13 03/26/03 Senate

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