

HCS HB 242 -- CALLER ID ANTI-SPOOFING ACT

SPONSOR: Porter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 15 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 242.

This bill establishes the "Caller ID Anti-Spoofing Act" which creates the offense of caller identification spoofing, which a person commits if he or she enters or causes to be entered false information into a caller ID service with the intent to deceive, defraud, or mislead the recipient of the call to obtain anything of value or the person places a call knowing that false information was entered into a caller ID service with the intent to deceive, defraud, or mislead the recipient of the call. The offense is a class E felony. The bill provides exceptions to the offense. The recipient of any call in which the caller uses false caller ID information shall have standing to recover punitive damages against the caller in an amount up to \$5,000 per call. Call recipients may bring action under this section as members of a class. Finally, the Attorney General may initiate legal proceedings or intervene in legal proceedings on behalf of call recipients.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 2116 (2020).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will help eliminate deception and fraud. Supporters want to help protect Missourians.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Porter; and LUMEN.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.