

HB 2658 -- ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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The bill requires the No-Call List to include any subscriber to telephone, wireless, or a similar service and requires the telemarketer to use the Federal Communication Commission's reassigned number database to determine if a number has been reassigned. If a number has been reassigned, any previous business relationship or exclusive dealings are invalidated. The bill also specifies that a person does not have to renew his or her objection to receiving solicitations.

The bill establishes the "Caller ID Anti-Spoofing Act" which creates the offense of caller identification spoofing. The first offense is a class C misdemeanor and any subsequent offenses are a class A misdemeanor. Exceptions to the offense are specified in the bill.

The recipient of any call in which the caller uses false caller ID information has 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 a class. The Attorney General may initiate legal proceedings or intervene in legal proceedings on behalf of call recipients.

This bill is similar to HB 509 (2025).