

HCS HBs 2658, 2147, 2472 & 2546 -- ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS  
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The bill requires the No-Call List to include any subscriber to telephone, wireless, or a similar service. 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 requires telecommunications providers to block certain calls as specified in the bill and consistent with Federal law. A provider is considered in compliance with these requirements if the provider has filed a certification with the Federal Communications Commission that the provider's traffic meets certain requirements detailed in the bill.

No later than August 28, 2027, providers must implement a STIR/SHAKEN authentication protocol or an alternative technology that provides comparable or superior capability to verify and authenticate certain caller identification information.

Any provider that knowingly fails or neglects to comply with these requirements is subject to fines of \$25,000 for the first offense, \$50,000 for the second offense, and \$75,000 for the third and any subsequent offense.

A caller commits the offense of caller identification spoofing if a caller enters false information or places a call knowing false information was entered into a caller identification service with the malicious intent to deceive, defraud, cause harm or wrongfully obtain anything of value from the recipient of the call. The offense of caller identification spoofing is a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A misdemeanor for any subsequent offense.

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.