



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 820

PRINTERS NO. 2279

PRIME SPONSOR: Cox

COST / (REVENUE)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 820, Printer's Number 2279, amends the Telemarketer Registration Act to further provide for definitions, to prohibit telemarketing on legal holidays, and for maintaining the "do-not-call" list.

ANALYSIS:

This bill amends the Telemarketer Registration Act (Act 147 of 1996) to expand the "do not call" registry provisions to address robocalls. A definition of "robocall" is provided as a telephone solicitation call made to a large number of people, using a computerized autodialer, to deliver a prerecorded telemarketing message. The bill also adds language to the Act to provide for robocall opt-out requirements.

Language is added to the Act to prohibit the conducting of telemarketing activities on a legal holiday. Section 5.2(c) of the Act is also amended to require that the listing of a telephone number on the "do-not-call" list be maintained until such time as the number is no longer valid for the subscriber or the subscriber requests to have the telephone number removed from the list. Currently telephone numbers are maintained on the "do-not-call" registry for five years and then at the end of the five-year period consumers have to re-register their telephone numbers on the "do-not-call" registry.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this bill will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.