



HOUSE BILL 724: Truth In Caller ID Act.

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reflects the contents
of the bill as it was
presented in
committee.**

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Committee:	House Commerce. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 23, 2019
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 724 would prohibit a telephone solicitor from misrepresenting the origin of the call by causing misleading information to be transmitted to users of caller identification technologies.

CURRENT LAW: Article 4 of Chapter 75 of the General Statutes regulates telephone solicitations. Among other things, Article 4 prohibits a telephone solicitor from knowingly using any method to block a telephone subscriber's caller identification service.

Persons who violate Article 4 are potentially subject to a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 for the first violation, \$1,000 for the second violation, and \$5,000 for any subsequent violation occurring within two years of the first violation, unless they show that the violations were the result of a mistake, in which event the penalty is \$100 for each violation occurring within two years of the first violation.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 724 would amend the current law to prohibit a telephone solicitor from causing misleading information to be transmitted to users of caller identification technologies or blocking or misrepresenting the origin of the solicitation. It would not be a violation of this prohibition for solicitors to use the name and number of the entity on whose behalf the solicitation is being made rather than the solicitor's name and number.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2019 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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