



HOUSE BILL 520: Abuse and Deception by Telemarketers.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 520 would address deception from telemarketers that display phone numbers that are fraudulent and misrepresentative of the actual caller.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 520 would expand findings made by the General Assembly to include a finding that a telephone number is the property of the telephone subscriber, subject to the terms and conditions of the subscriber's contract with a telephone carrier.

The definition of a telephone solicitor under G.S. 75-101(10) would be clarified to include agents of the telephone solicitor.

The prohibition on transmitting misleading information to users of caller identification technology under G.S. 75-102(i) would be expanded to include any alteration to the origin of the solicitation that displays in a way to give the perception that the call originated from any other origin except the actual origin of the solicitation. A telephone subscriber who has received a telephone solicitation in violation of G.S. 75-102(i) may bring a civil action to recover \$10,000 for each call placed.

The bill would enact G.S. 75-104.1, which would prohibit a telephone carrier from knowingly and intentionally transmitting, selling, or otherwise providing the numbers of telephone subscribers to any entity the carrier knows will use or has used the telephone subscriber information to violate the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 75 of the General Statutes, or who has provided the information to another entity that has violated the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 75 of the General Statutes.

A telephone carrier would not be held liable for a telemarketer's violation of G.S. 75-102(i).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective December 1, 2025, and would apply to phone calls placed on or after that date.

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