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1 AN ACT Relating to commercial telephone solicitation; adding a new
2 section to chapter 19.158 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 80.36
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that, despite efforts
6 to regulate commercial telephone solicitation, this practice continues
7 to annoy and frustrate many citizens. The legislature further finds
8 that a system of identification in telephone directories of those
9 citizens who do not wish to be solicited by telephone would help to
10 eliminate unwanted calls.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.158 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 A commercial telephone solicitor is in violation of this chapter if
14 he or she engages in the telephone solicitation of a person who is
15 identified, in a published telephone directory available for general
16 use, as a person who does not wish to receive any telephone
17 solicitation.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 80.36 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The commission shall require telecommunications companies to
4 provide for identification in a telephone directory of persons who do
5 not wish to receive telephone solicitations.

6 (2) The commission shall by rule ensure that telecommunications
7 companies inform their residential customers of the provisions of this
8 act. The notification may be made by (a) annual inserts in the billing
9 statements mailed to residential customers, or (b) conspicuous
10 publication of the notice in the consumer information pages of local
11 telephone directories.

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