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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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