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

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.158 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department of licensing shall provide for the establishment  
7 and operation of a public listing of residential telephone numbers  
8 whose subscribers have affirmatively requested not to receive  
9 commercial telephone solicitations. The department of licensing may  
10 contract with a private vendor to establish, operate, and maintain such  
11 registry in accordance with the requirements of this section. The  
12 department of licensing and the utilities and transportation commission  
13 shall make reasonable efforts to publicize the availability of the  
14 public listing and the method or methods by which residential telephone  
15 subscribers may have their telephone numbers placed on the list. The  
16 listing shall be available for inspection by the public in written and  
17 electronic form. The listing shall be transmitted quarterly to a  
18 national telephone preference service for the purpose of removing  
19 individuals from national telemarketing lists.

1 (2) No fee may be charged to residential telephone subscribers for  
2 placing their numbers on the list. A reasonable fee, as determined by  
3 the department of licensing, may be charged to inspect the list in  
4 written or electronic form.

5 (3) It is unlawful and a violation of this section for any person  
6 to make a commercial telephone solicitation before first obtaining a  
7 copy of the most recent national telephone preference service list  
8 available before making the commercial telephone solicitation call.

9 (4) It is unlawful and a violation of this section for any person  
10 to make a commercial telephone solicitation call to any residential  
11 telephone number that is contained on the public listing under  
12 subsection (1) of this section and which has been on the quarterly  
13 transmitted list of the national telephone preference service for at  
14 least sixty days.

15 (5) In addition to any other penalties or remedies available under  
16 this chapter or chapter 19.86 RCW, a person injured by a violation of  
17 subsection (3) or (4) of this section may bring an action for recovery  
18 of liquidated damages in the amount of one thousand dollars per  
19 violation, plus court costs and attorneys' fees.

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