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Brief Description: Establishing a do not call list for commercial telephone solicitation.

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Designates procedures for the establishment of a do not call list for commercial telephone solicitation.

Requires the department of licensing to establish an annual fee to maintain the do not call list in this act.

Requires persons wishing to have their phone numbers placed on the list to notify the department of licensing. A listing shall be effective for two years, after which the person may renew the listing for successive two-year periods by notifying the department of licensing.

Provides that all fees collected by the department of licensing under this act, and civil penalties and attorneys' fees collected by the attorney general in enforcing this act, shall be deposited in the commercial telephone solicitation account.

Provides that no commercial telephone solicitor may make a commercial telephone solicitation to any telephone number more than sixty days after the number appears on the current do not call list.

Finds that the practices covered by this section are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

Provides that, in addition to any other penalties or remedies available under chapter 19.158 RCW or chapter 19.86 RCW, a person injured by a violation of this act may bring an action for recovery of liquidated damages in the amount of one thousand dollars per violation, plus court costs and attorneys' fees.