

HB 1447 -- Telemarketing Practices

Sponsor: McNeil

This bill prohibits a computerized telephone call of a political nature being made to an individual's residence at any time other than between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and requires any phone call of a political nature made in this state to indicate the person or organization paying for the call. Any person or entity violating this provision is guilty of an unlawful telemarketing act or practice.

The bill creates the crime of caller identification spoofing. A person will be guilty of a class D felony if he or she places by any method a phone call knowingly inserting false information into a caller identification system with the intent to mislead, defraud, or deceive the recipient of the telephone call. The blocking of caller identification information by individuals is permitted. Federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies and the intelligence and security agencies of the federal government are exempt from these provisions.