

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 520**

Short Title: Abuse and Deception by Telemarketers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brody, Bell, Dahle, and Gable (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABUSE OF PRIVACY AND ACTS OF DECEPTION FROM  
TELEMARKETERS BY DISPLAYING PHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE FRAUDULENT  
AND MISREPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTUAL CALLER.

Whereas, the citizens and businesses of North Carolina claim the right of privacy and exclusive use of the phone lines and numbers for which they contract for; and

Whereas, the citizens and businesses of North Carolina claim a right of privacy and enjoyment of that privacy from telemarketers who spoof, or otherwise disguise their actual phone numbers, preventing the receiving phone from identifying who is calling, and

Whereas, the citizens and businesses of North Carolina claim some telemarketers are violating these rights and fraudulently displaying numbers which are assigned to other people, assigned to various businesses, using numbers that are not assigned to anyone (including the caller), or made up combinations of numbers and letters to disguise the real identification of the caller; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 75-100 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(10) A telephone number is the property of a telephone subscriber, subject to the terms and conditions of the subscriber's contract with a telephone carrier."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 75-102(i) reads as rewritten:

"(i) No telephone solicitor or its agent shall cause misleading information to be transmitted to users of caller identification technologies or otherwise block or misrepresent the origin of the telephone solicitation. No provider of telephone caller identification services shall be held liable for violations of this subsection committed by other individuals or entities. It is not a violation of this subsection for a telephone solicitor to utilize the name and number of the entity the solicitation is being made on behalf of rather than the name and number of the telephone solicitor."

**SECTION 3.** Article 4 of Chapter 75 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 75-104.1. Telephone carriers.**

(a) A telephone carrier shall not knowingly and intentionally transmit, sell, or otherwise provide the numbers of telephone subscribers to any entity the telephone carrier knows will use the number to violate provisions of this Act.

(b) A telephone carrier shall not be held liable for a telemarketer's violation of G.S. 75-102(i)."

**SECTION 4.** G.S. 75-105 reads as rewritten:



1   **"§ 75-105. Enforcement.**

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3       (b)     A telephone subscriber who has received a telephone solicitation from or on behalf  
4 of a telephone solicitor in violation of this Article may bring any of the following actions in civil  
5 court:

6           (1)     An action to enjoin further violations of this Article by the telephone solicitor.

7           (2)     An action to recover five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first violation, one  
8                   thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the second violation, and five thousand dollars  
9                   (\$5,000) for the third and any other violation that occurs within two years of  
10                  the first violation.

11       (b1)    A telephone subscriber who has received a telephone solicitation in violation of  
12 G.S. 75-102(i), or a telephone subscriber whose phone number or name was displayed in a way  
13 to give the perception that a call originated from that subscriber or number when the call was  
14 actually placed from a different origin and in violation of G.S. 75-102(i), may bring any action  
15 authorized pursuant this section or Chapter against the telemarketer initiating the call. In an action  
16 brought under this subsection, the court shall impose an additional civil fine of ten thousand  
17 dollars (\$10,000) for each call placed in knowing violation of G.S. 75-102(i). Any person who  
18 knowingly violates G.S. 75-105(i) shall be guilty of a Class H felony.

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20           **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to phone  
21 calls placed on or after that date.