

**Section-by-Section Summary of S.72 as amended by Senate Finance**

S.72 amends certain sections of the Vermont Consumer Protection Act that apply to telephone solicitations of Vermont consumers.

The purpose of the act is to prohibit any person engaged in a telephone solicitation from transmitting, to a Vermont consumer's caller ID service, any misleading, inaccurate, or false caller identification information. This includes the caller's name, if made available by the telephone carrier, and the caller's telephone number—with one caveat. To be consistent with federal law, the person making the call may substitute, for his own name or number, the number of the person on whose behalf he or she is calling.

The substitute amendment makes certain conforming changes to the language of the bill as introduced to specify that the prohibition on false caller ID information applies to any person, telephone solicitor, or telemarketer engaged in a telephone solicitation.

**In the bill as introduced:**

Page 1, line 15: § 2464a(a) – technical change to specify the sections for which the definitions apply

Page 2, lines 1-8: add definitions for “caller identification information” and “caller identification service”

Page 4, lines 13-16: subdivision (3) – see substitute amendment language that creates the prohibition:

(3) No person, telephone solicitor, or telemarketer engaged in a telephone solicitation shall cause a caller identification service to transmit misleading, inaccurate, or false caller identification information, provided that the person, telephone solicitor, or telemarketer may substitute the name and telephone number of the person on whose behalf he or she places the call.

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