

By: Representative Fillingane

To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 957

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 77-3-621, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO PROHIBIT TELEPHONE SOLICITORS MAKING UNSOLICITED CALLS
3 FROM BLOCKING CONSUMERS' USE OF CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICES;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
7 77-3-621, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 77-3-621. (1) A telephone solicitor who makes an
9 unsolicited telephonic sales call to the telephone line of a
10 consumer in this state may not knowingly utilize any method to
11 block or otherwise circumvent the consumer's use of a caller
12 identification service. For purposes of this section, the term
13 "caller identification service" means a type of telephone service
14 which permits telephone subscribers to view the telephone number
15 and name of the person or entity to whom that telephone number is
16 assigned of incoming telephone calls.

17 (2) A provider of telephone caller identification services
18 may not be held liable for violations of this section committed by
19 other persons or entities.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2003.

