

By: Peranich, Creel, Fredericks, Moak, Read, Reynolds, Robinson (84th) To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 204

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 77-3-603, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE TELEPHONE SOLICITORS TO END RECORDED MESSAGES WHEN A  
3 CONSUMER ENDS THE TELEPHONE CONNECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 77-3-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 77-3-603. Any telephone solicitor who makes an unsolicited  
8 telephonic sales call to a residential telephone number shall:

9 (a) Make calls between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00  
10 p.m., Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday, and between  
11 the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays (no calls shall  
12 be made on Sundays);

13 (b) Identify himself or herself by his or her true  
14 first and last names and the business on whose behalf he or she is  
15 soliciting immediately upon making contact by telephone with the  
16 person who is the object of the telephone solicitation; \* \* \*

17 (c) Discontinue the call immediately if at any time  
18 during the conversation the person being solicited expresses  
19 disinterest in continuing the call or sales presentation; and

20 (d) Immediately end any recorded message being played  
21 for a consumer when the consumer ends the telephone connection.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2000.