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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-79—sHB 5089
General Law Committee
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**AN ACT PROHIBITING TELEMARKETERS FROM TRANSMITTING
INACCURATE OR MISLEADING CALLER IDENTIFICATION
INFORMATION**

SUMMARY: This act prohibits telephone solicitors from intentionally transmitting inaccurate or misleading caller identification information. Violators are guilty of an unfair or deceptive trade practice and subject to a fine of up to \$11,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND

Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA)

The law prohibits businesses from engaging in unfair and deceptive acts or practices. CUTPA allows the Department of Consumer Protection commissioner to issue regulations defining what constitutes an unfair trade practice, investigate complaints, issue cease and desist orders, order restitution in cases involving less than \$5,000, enter into consent agreements, ask the attorney general to seek injunctive relief, and accept voluntary statements of compliance. It also allows individuals to sue. Courts may issue restraining orders; award actual and punitive damages, costs, and reasonable attorneys fees; and impose civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for willful violations and \$25,000 for violation of a restraining order.

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