

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6410

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
Title: THE NO SALES SOLICITATION CALLS LISTING.

Vote Date: 3/2/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Energy and Technology, Rep. Gary A. Turco, Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill was raised to increase penalties on telephone solicitors for violations against people on the no sales solicitation call list. It accomplishes this by changing the language in Section 1 Subsection K. The current language says violators will not be fined more than twenty thousand dollars for each violation. The updated proposed language says that violators would pay no less than 5 thousand dollars and no more than forty-two thousand five hundred thirty dollars. The bill if passed would take effect October 1st, 2022. This bill should help discourage bad actors from violating no call list.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Connecticut Citizen Action Group \(HB 6410\)](#): Tom Swan wrote to the committee in support of the bill. He and his organization feel that unsolicited calls are unnecessary and trigger outraged responses. They believe that legislation is necessary and make a reference to the current auto warranty phone calls that have been going around Connecticut

[John Erlingheuser, AARP \(HB-6410\)](#): John Erlingheuser and his organization write in support of the bill. In his testimony, he references the Federal Trade Commission that highlighted the number of complaints about unsolicited phone calls and violations. Notes that over 300,000 thousand complaints came from Connecticut alone. Says that

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Reported by: William Ginn

Date: 3/14/2021