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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2273

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2273 would expand the Kansas No-Call Act by adding new restrictions for telephone solicitors who use automatic dialing-announcing devices or “robocalls.” Such calls would be prohibited, unless the person who is receiving the call has consented to or has authorized receipt of the message or the message is immediately preceded by a live operator who obtains the person’s consent. Additionally, the bill would prohibit robocalls before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Such calls would also be prohibited from being made to hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, recuperation centers, ambulance services, emergency medical service facilities, mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals, state institutions for people with intellectual disabilities, law enforcement agencies, or fire departments.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Highberger. In the House Committee hearing, Representative Highberger and a private citizen testified in support of the bill. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would not have an identifiable fiscal effect for the State. The Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division indicates the

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bill could result in additional complaints; however, it is unable to estimate the number of additional complaints that may be filed with the agency. If the number of received complaints is high, the Office may require additional investigators or employees. Further, some of the costs incurred from a higher number of complaints may be offset by additional revenue collected from penalties against individuals or organizations that violate the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.