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H.B. No. 2418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a telephone dating service; providing a criminal
3 penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 35, Business & Commerce
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 35.58 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 35.58. TELEPHONE DATING SERVICE. (a) In this section,
8 "telephone dating service" means a service provided by or through
9 the use of the telephone to arrange or facilitate the social
10 introduction of two persons for the purpose of promoting the
11 meeting of compatible individuals. The term includes a personal
12 introduction service, a compatibility matching service, or an
13 escort service.

14 (b) A person commits an offense if the person enters into an
15 agreement to provide telephone dating services to an individual for
16 a fee or other consideration without verifying that the individual
17 is 18 years of age or older.

18 (c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
20 applies only to an agreement entered into on or after that date.