

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Helen Giddings, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB73** by Flynn (Relating to the protection of customer telephone records, providing a penalty. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code relating to the protection of customer telephone records by making it illegal for a person to fraudulently obtain or attempt to obtain, or conspire with another person to obtain, a telephone record of any person in this state without the authorization of the person to whom the record pertains. The bill would provide that a violation of this provision is a Class A misdemeanor that may result in a fine of up to \$20,000.

Based on the analysis of the Public Utility Commission and the Office of the Attorney General, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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