

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2795
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Business & Industry
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Amid complaints caused by the growth of unsolicited telemarketing phone calls, the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, created a Texas No Call List. In recent years, calls declaring that a person's motor vehicle warranty is about to expire have become frequent enough to again raise consumer complaints.

H.B. 2795 adds contractual services, including the extension of a warranty for a motor vehicle, to the definition of a type of telemarketing call included under the Texas No Call List.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2795 amends the Business & Commerce Code to specify that a "consumer good or service," for the purposes of provisions regulating telemarketing calls, means a contractual service that is normally used for personal, family, or household purposes, in addition to property normally used for those purposes, and includes the extension of a warranty for a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009.