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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to prohibiting telemarketers from transmitting misleading
3 caller identification information or otherwise misrepresenting the
4 origin of a telemarketing call.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 304.151, Business & Commerce Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to
8 read as follows:

9 (b) A telemarketer may not:

10 (1) interfere with or circumvent the capability of a
11 caller identification service or device to access or provide to the
12 recipient of the telemarketing call any information regarding the
13 call that the service or device is capable of providing; ~~or~~

14 (2) fail to provide caller identification information
15 in a manner that is accessible by a caller identification service or
16 device, if the telemarketer is capable of providing the information
17 in that manner; or

18 (3) cause misleading information to be transmitted to
19 a recipient's caller identification service or device or to
20 otherwise misrepresent the origin of a telemarketing call.

21 (c) A telemarketer does not violate Subsection (b)(3) if the
22 telemarketer substitutes the name and telephone number of the
23 person on whose behalf the call is made for the telemarketer's name
24 and telephone number.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.