

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0236

Caller identification fraud-criminal liability.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Edwards, Laursen,  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to consumer protection; limiting the use of  
2 misleading caller identification information by telephone  
3 solicitors and merchants as specified; creating a crime for  
4 misleading telephone caller identification information as  
5 specified; providing penalties; and providing for an  
6 effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 40-12-302(c) and by creating a new  
11 subsection (f) is amended to read:

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13 **40-12-302. Telephone solicitations.**

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1           (c) No telephone solicitor or merchant who makes an  
2 unsolicited telephonic sales call to the telephone line of  
3 a residential subscriber in this state shall knowingly  
4 utilize any method to block or otherwise circumvent the  
5 subscriber's use of a caller identification service or  
6 cause the caller identification service to transmit  
7 misleading or inaccurate caller identification information.  
8 Any number transmitted shall be owned by the solicitor or  
9 merchant or used with permission of the owner and shall  
10 allow for return calls from the residential subscriber.

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12           (f) In addition to the civil penalties outlined in  
13 W.S. 40-12-304, anyone who makes a call in violation of  
14 subsection (b) of this section that also transmitted  
15 misleading or inaccurate caller identification information  
16 to the caller identification system of the calls recipient  
17 is guilty of a felony punishable by not more than three (3)  
18 years in prison, a fine of not more than five thousand  
19 dollars (\$5,000.00) or both.

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21           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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