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Senate Adds Cell Phones and Faxes to No-Call List ***Bill Also Outlaws Companies from Selling Cell Phone Records***

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. – Missourians are one step closer to being able to add their cell phone numbers and business fax numbers to the state’s No-Call List thanks to legislation sponsored by Senator Kevin Engler, R-Farmington. The Missouri Senate approved and advanced Senate Bill 613 & 1030 today. Engler said the bill’s aim is to end unsolicited advertising that can actually cost businesses and cell phone-users money.

“On cell phones, you have to pay if you receive a call, and on faxes you have to pay for paper, ink and other costs of receiving a fax,” Engler said. “Missourians should no longer have to the foot the cost for these unsolicited ads.”

The bill covers phone calls and text messages to cell phones used for both personal and business purposes as well as residential and business faxes. Engler said many businesses receive a stack of faxed advertisements each day sent overnight.

The measure also outlaws any company from acquiring and selling an individual’s cell phone records without their consent. Engler said creating the crime was necessary because of a new crop of Internet-based companies that are profiting from hacking in and selling this private information.

“Phone records are private and this puts a stop to these seedy companies from profiting by stealing someone’s cell phone call log,” he said. “With this bill, the customer is the only person who can request the records through the mail, putting a stop to companies from giving access to these records to just anyone who asks.”

The crime is a felony and punishable by fines ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 and up to 10 years in prison depending on how many people’s phone records were sold.

The measure next moves to the House of Representatives.

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