



permitted collection agents to solicit or require consideration for recovery of money tendered to a telephonic seller or prizes or awards promised by a telephonic seller. Violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor; violations involving actual collection of money from a customer is a Class H felony; violation involving collections from a customer over 65 years old is a Class G felony.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1995, except as otherwise indicated.

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Judicial Branch;  
Department of Correction

**FISCAL IMPACT**

<u>FY</u> 95-96	<u>FY</u> 96-97	<u>FY</u> 97-98	<u>FY</u> 98-99
<u>FY</u> 99-00			

**EXPENDITURES**

NO FISCAL IMPACT

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

Approximately 13-14 telephone consumer protection filings are made in North Carolina on an annual basis. The Administrative Office of the Courts would not expect the proposed legislation to result in an increase in annual filings. Rather, it is anticipated that the proposed legislation would allow for such cases to progress through the system without delay. Thus, the Administrative Office of the Courts does not anticipate that the proposed legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Judicial Branch at this time.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Administrative Office of the Courts

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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