



March 4, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014656):** Expands the offense of caller identification spoofing to include a person, on behalf of a debt collector or inbound telemarketer service, to knowingly cause any caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, including caller identification information that does not match the area code of the person or the debt collector or inbound telemarketer service the person is calling on behalf of, or that is not a toll-free phone number, to a subscriber with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another person or to wrongfully obtain anything of value.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-2302(b), the offense of caller identification spoofing is a Class A misdemeanor.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Department of Correction Jail Summary Reports, there have been zero Class A misdemeanor convictions of caller identification spoofing in each of the last five years.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-2302(c), the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) and an aggrieved person are authorized to bring a civil action for a violation.
- Any increase in the number of complaints handled by the AG is estimated to be not significant and can be handled by existing staff during normal work hours.
- Any additional AG duties resulting from the proposed legislation will be absorbed using existing resources.
- Any additional workload on the courts, as a result of this legislation, can be accommodated within existing resources and personnel.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly change state or local revenue.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- Any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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