

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 20 (Senator Stone)

Judicial Proceedings

Telephone Misuse - Telephone Company Charges

This bill requires a person convicted of telephone misuse to make restitution for charges levied by a telephone company for a telephone number change, the installation of a caller identification device, or other services provided to a victim of the telephone misuse.

The bill also prohibits a telephone company from charging a residential customer for calls made to the telephone company for the purposes of reporting or documenting telephone misuse.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Telephone misuse is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and/or maximum imprisonment of three years.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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