2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 843

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AN ACT to amend 100.52 (2) (b) of the statutes; relating to: the directory of residential telephone customers who do not want to receive telephone solicitations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a telephone solicitor may not make a telephone solicitation to a residential telephone customer who has requested to be included in a directory maintained by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and provided to registered telephone solicitors. Currently, if a customer fails to make a biennial request to be included in the directory, the department is required to eliminate the customer from the directory.

This bill eliminates the requirement that a residential customer make a biennial request in order to be included in the directory. Under the bill, DATCP must eliminate a residential customer from the directory if the customer requests to be eliminated.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 100.52 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
100.52 (2) (b) The department shall promulgate rules for establishing, maintaining, and semiannually updating a directory that includes listings of residential customers who do not wish to receive telephone solicitations made on behalf of telephone solicitors. The rules promulgated under this paragraph shall establish requirements and procedures for a residential customer to request a listing in the directory. The rules shall also require a residential customer who requests a listing in the directory to notify the department on a biennial basis if the residential customer wishes to continue to be included in the directory. The department shall eliminate a residential customer from the directory if the customer does not make the biennial notification requests to be removed from the directory.