

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 159**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect businesses from unwanted telemarketing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James M. Cantwell*

*Benjamin Swan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Plymouth*

*11th Hampden*

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 159) of James M. Cantwell and Benjamin Swan relative to telemarketing solicitation. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to protect businesses from unwanted telemarketing.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1: Section 1 of chapter 159C, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the definition for “consumer” and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following definition:

4 “Consumer”, an individual who is a resident of the commonwealth or an association,  
5 corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or other entity operating  
6 in the commonwealth, that subscribes to residential or business telephone services in the  
7 commonwealth and is a prospective recipient of goods or services.

8 SECTION 2: Section 1 of chapter 159C, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
9 hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word “residential”.

10 SECTION 3: Section 5 of chapter 159C, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
11 hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "residential".

12           SECTION 4: Section 8 of Chapter 159C, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
13 hereby amended by striking out, in line 10, the word "person" and inserting in place thereof the  
14 following word:- “consumer”.

15           SECTION 5: Section 10 of Chapter 159C, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
16 hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "person" and inserting in place thereof the  
17 word:- "consumer".