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House Bill 5216 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Bob Brown
House Committee: Consumer Protection
Senate Committee: Financial Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 227 of 1971, which prescribes the rights and duties of parties to home solicitation sales, to include a written solicitation in the definition of "home solicitation sale". Currently, the term is defined as "a sale of goods or services of more than \$25.00 in which the seller or a person acting for the seller engages in a personal or telephonic solicitation of the sale at a residence of the buyer, and the buyer's agreement or offer to purchase is there given to the seller or a person acting for the seller".

The bill specifies that "home solicitation sale" would include sales arising from a postcard or other written notice delivered to a buyer's residence that requested that the buyer contact the seller or seller's agent by phone to inquire about a good or service, unless a postcard or written notice concerned a previous purchase or order or specified the price of the good or service and accurately described the good or service. "Home solicitation sale" would not include, however, a sale made pursuant to a printed advertisement in a publication of general circulation.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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