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House Bill 5216 (Substitute H-3 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Bob Brown
House Committee: Consumer Protection
Senate Committee: Financial Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 227 of 1971, which prescribes the rights and duties of parties to home solicitation sales, to expand 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 would include a written solicitation.

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 the postcard or written notice 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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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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