

## NEWS RELEASE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## **AUGUST 15 IS NO CALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

ATLANTA -- August 15 is the cutoff day to register for the Georgia No Call List and be included on the updated List for the calendar quarter beginning October 1. After August 15, the next sign-up opportunity is December 15 for inclusion on the February list. Currently, over 2,500 telemarketers in 49 states and 2 foreign countries receive the Georgia No Call List each quarter.

Since becoming operational in 1999, the Georgia No Call List has dramatically limited the number of telemarketing calls that can be placed to the homes of the individuals who have registered their objections to receiving these types of calls. Supporters of No Call Lists to stop sales calls to residential telephones have proposed legislation in 33 states including California and Texas. Thirteen states including Georgia currently have laws in place to limit telemarketing calls.

The Georgia No Call List now has over 230,000 residential subscribers. The Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs handles all violations reported by Georgia residents. Over 70 companies across the country have paid fines for violations of the No Call legislation in 13 states. A Georgia resident may subscribe or receive additional information about the "No Call" list by calling the toll free number, 1-877-GANOCALL (1-877-426-6225). Information and a subscription to the "No Call" list can be obtained through the Internet at <a href="https://www.ganocall.com">www.ganocall.com</a>.

## **Georgia No Call Facts:**

Who may register: Any Georgia residential telephone customer. Business and cellular

phone numbers are not eligible for registration on the List.

How to register: Call 1-877-426-6225, visit the Web site at

www.ganocall.com or consult the information

section of your telephone directory.

Cost: \$5.00 per residential telephone number.

Current Distribution: Over 2,400 telemarketers in 49 states,

Canada and the Dominican Republic receive the Georgia No call phone numbers each quarter.

Effective Date: The list is updated quarterly. So a caller

must register by August 15 to appear on the October list distributed to telemarketers.

Renewals: Every two years; the PSC will notify consumers

when their registration is about to expire.

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