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Quarterly Georgia No Call Registration Deadline Approaches

ATLANTA – November 1 is the cutoff day to register for the Georgia No Call List to be included on the updated List for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2002.

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 individuals who have registered their objections to receiving these types of calls. Currently, 20 states have No Call laws in place limiting telemarketing calls while 33 states are considering legislation that would establish No Call Lists to restrict telephone sales calls to residential homes. Over 2,600 telemarketers in 49 states and two foreign countries receive the Georgia No Call List each quarter.

The Georgia No Call List now has more than 260,000 residential subscribers. The Governor's Office of Consumers 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 www.ganocall.com.

Georgia No Call List Facts:

Who may register: Any Georgia residential telephone customer.

How to register: Call 1-877-426-6225, visit the Web site at <u>www.ganocall.com</u> or consult the information section of your telephone directory.

Cost: \$5.00 per residential telephone number.

Current Distribution: Over 2,600 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. A residential telephone subscriber must register by NOVEMBER 1,2001 to appear on the next updated list distributed to telemarketers.

Renewals: Every two years; the PSC will notify consumers when their registration is about to expire.

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