

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 932

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1007

**AMOUNT**

\$568,000 Estimated Savings in FY 2012-13

**FUND**

General

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 7, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Corman

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 7, 2011

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First consideration, April 12, 2011

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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 932 amends the Telemarketer Registration Act to make the do-not-call list permanent. The bill provides that telephone numbers shall be maintained on the telemarketer do-not-call list until the telephone number is no longer valid or the telephone subscriber requests to have his or her number removed from the list. The law currently provides that the telephone number shall be maintained on the list for a minimum of five years from the date of enrollment or until the telephone number is no longer valid.

The act will take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) as the Office will not incur additional costs as a result of this change. The elimination of the five-year requirement is expected to result in cost savings. The OAG estimates the net savings from the elimination of call center service contracts and telecommunication costs associated with the do-not-call renewals will be about \$568,000 in FY 2012-2013. The OAG will continue to incur ongoing costs of about \$42,000 annually to maintain the existing do-not-call computer system. Some personnel costs will continue to be incurred in the Bureau of Consumer Protection to continue operation and maintenance of the do-not-call program.

Since the implementation of the do-not-call program, the OAG has not received dedicated funding from the General Fund for the implementation and enforcement of the program. The OAG funds the do-not-call program through revenue received from collections of reimbursable costs from other investigations undertaken by the Public Protection Division. The estimated savings result from reducing expenditures for the do-not-call program by making it permanent.