

April 5, 2001

S 1003. SOLICITATION-FREE DINNER ACT. TO RESTRICT TELEPHONE SOLICITATION TO THE HOURS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M. AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE TELEPHONE SOLICITATION STATUTES. Amends GS 75-30.1(e) to limit telephone solicitation to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (currently, limited to hours between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.). A violation of current law is subject to a fine of up to \$500. Bill would provide for increasing penalties for violations as follows: for a first violation, a fine of up to \$250; for a second violation, a fine of up to \$1,000; for a third violation, a fine of up to \$3,000; and for a fourth violation, a fine of up to \$5,000. Authorizes individuals to recover damages in the same amounts. Effective Oct. 1, 2001.

Intro. by Gulley.

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