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1 **Definitions.** Defines terms used in these sections, including:

Subd. 3. Current subscriber. "Current subscriber" means a subscriber to a commercial mobile service as of the date the provider implements a wireless directory assistance service.

Subd. 6 Wireless directory assistance service . "Wireless directory assistance service" means a service that connects callers to a subscriber of a commercial mobile service when the caller does not know the subscriber's wireless telephone number information.

2 **Wireless consumer privacy protection.**

Subd. 1. Current subscribers. Prohibits a provider of commercial mobile services, or any direct or indirect affiliate or agent, from including wireless telephone number information of a current subscriber in a wireless directory assistance service database unless the provider provides a conspicuous notice to the subscriber informing the subscriber of the right not to be listed in a wireless directory assistance service and obtains prior express authorization for listing from the subscriber, which authorization has not been subsequently withdrawn.

Subd. 2. New subscribers. Allows a provider of commercial mobile services or any direct or indirect affiliate or agent to include the wireless telephone number information of a new subscriber in a wireless directory assistance service database if

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the provider provides a conspicuous separate notice to the subscriber at the time a service contract is entered into informing the subscriber of the right not to be listed in a wireless directory assistance service and provides convenient mechanisms for the subscriber to decline to participate in the database, at the time of entering a contact, when billed, and when receiving any connected call from a wireless directory assistance service.

Subd. 3. Call forwarding. Allows a provider to connect a call from a wireless directory assistance service to a subscriber who is not unlisted if the subscriber is provided prior notice of the caller's identity and can accept or reject calls on a per call basis and the subscriber's telephone number information is not disclosed to the caller.

Subd. 4. Publication of directories prohibited. Prohibits a provider of commercial mobile services, or any direct or indirect affiliate or agent from publishing in printed, electronic, or other form the contents of a wireless directory assistance service database, or any portion of it.

Subd. 5. No consumer fee for retaining privacy. Prohibits a provider from charging a subscriber a fee for exercising any rights under this section.