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Section

1 [325E.319] Local telephone directories; option to decline delivery.

Subd. 1. Definitions.

Subd. 2. Option to decline delivery. Requires a telephone directory publisher to print on the outside cover directions for a resident who wishes not to receive a directory to notify the publisher of that fact via a toll-free telephone number or an Internet web address.

Publishers are also required to place prominently on their Internet web site homepage information directing a person how to notify the publisher via the web site of the resident's wish to not receive a directory.

Directs the publisher to maintain a database of Minnesota residents who provide notice that they do not wish to receive a directory, and not to remove the name unless so directed by the resident. The publisher must not deliver a directory to anyone on the list.

Subd. 3. Enforcement. Authorizes the attorney general or county attorney to enforce this section through a civil action against a violator, with a penalty of \$500 for each violation. A defense to such an action is that the directory was delivered in error.