Telephone information services and 900-numbers are also known as “pay-per-call services.” A pay-per-call service is any service that is reached by dialing a 900-number and charged on a per-call or per-time basis. The service can be conversation, consultation, playing or making a voice recording, or entertainment.

This checklist DOES NOT apply to 900-numbers whose profits go to a recognized charity.

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

[] All pay-per-call service providers must comply with the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) 900-Number Rule. For more information about the FTC’s 900-Number Rule, please contact the FTC’s Cleveland Regional Office at (216) 263-3410. You can also find the FTC on-line at www.ftc.gov. *Remember to check local government agencies*

[] The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) also regulates pay-per-call services. For more information, please contact the FCC at (888) 225-5322. The FCC is also on-line at www.fcc.gov. *Remember to check local government agencies*

[] You will need a VENDOR’S LICENSE from the OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION. The tax is subject to the tax rate in effect in the consumer’s (caller’s) county. For more information, please contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at (888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; 888-405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line. Information is also on-line at http://tax.ohio.gov. *Remember to check local government agencies*

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

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