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Committee Bill No. 6714

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) The Commissioner of
2 Correction shall provide telephone service to persons who are in the
3 custody of the commissioner and confined in a correctional facility.
4 The commissioner may supplement such telephone service with any
5 other telecommunications service, including, but not limited to, video
6 communication and electronic mail services. To the extent that the
7 commissioner provides any such service, each such service shall be
8 provided free of charge to such persons and any communication,
9 whether initiated or received through any such service, shall be free of
10 charge to the person initiating or receiving the communication. The
11 Department of Correction shall not receive revenue for the provision of
12 telephone service or any other telecommunications service to any
13 person in the custody of the commissioner and confined in a
14 correctional facility. The commissioner shall not limit or replace in-
15 person visits to any such person based on the provision of telephone
16 service or any other telecommunications service.

17 Sec. 2. Sections 18-81s, 18-81x and 54-105a of the general statutes are
18 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2019*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide cost-free telecommunications services for incarcerated persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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