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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 23, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to the reduction of inmate telephone rates

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 623 of the correction law, as added by chapter 240 of the laws of 2007, are amended to read as follows:

3. **The department shall make every effort to reduce the rates of inmate phone calls and place a reasonable cap on the cost of outgoing calls.**

4. The department shall not accept or receive revenue in excess of its reasonable operating cost for establishing and administering such telephone system services as provided in subdivisions one and two of this section.

[~~4.~~] **5.** The department shall establish rules and regulations or departmental procedures to ensure that any inmate phone call system established by this section provides reasonable security measures to preserve the safety and security of each correctional facility, all staff and all persons outside a facility who may receive inmate phone calls.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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