

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

May 7, 2019

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Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- 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 inmate access to  
confidential phone calls

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

1 Section 1. Section 623 of the correction law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

3 5. In order to provide unimpeded access to the courts, all inmates in  
4 state and local correctional facilities shall be permitted confidential  
5 telephone calls with legal service providers or any attorney in the  
6 state without charge to the inmate or the attorney. No such telephone  
7 call may be recorded, monitored or unreasonably restricted by such  
8 correctional facility, the department or any other entity entering into  
9 a contract to provide inmate telephone services, however, such telephone  
10 call may be subject to restrictions and recordings by such legal  
11 services provider or attorney.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
13 have become a law.

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

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