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## IN SENATE

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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:

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

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

7 4. The department shall not accept or receive revenue in excess of its  
8 reasonable operating cost for establishing and administering such tele-  
9 phone system services as provided in subdivisions one and two of this  
10 section.

11 [4-] 5. The department shall establish rules and regulations or  
12 departmental procedures to ensure that any inmate phone call system  
13 established by this section provides reasonable security measures to  
14 preserve the safety and security of each correctional facility, all  
15 staff and all persons outside a facility who may receive inmate phone  
16 calls.

17 § 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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