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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

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 incarcerated individual 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 amended by chapter 322 of the laws of 2021, are amended to read as
3 follows:

4 3. The department shall make every effort to reduce the rates of
5 incarcerated individual phone calls and place a reasonable cap on the
6 cost of outgoing 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 incarcerated individual phone
13 call system established by this section provides reasonable security
14 measures to preserve the safety and security of each correctional facil-
15 ity, all staff and all persons outside a facility who may receive incar-
16 cerated individual phone 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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