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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Division of Correction - Prisoners - Use of Telephone**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a prisoner of a correctional facility administered by the  
4 Division of Correction to make a telephone call only if the recipient of the call has  
5 submitted certain prior approval; providing a certain penalty; and generally relating  
6 to the use of telephones by prisoners in correctional facilities.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

9 Section 693

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1996 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 693.

16 (A) A PRISONER OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ADMINISTERED BY THE  
17 DIVISION OF CORRECTION MAY MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL ONLY IF THE RECIPIENT  
18 OF THE CALL HAS SUBMITTED TO THE DIVISION A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF  
19 APPROVAL TO RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE PRISONER.

20 (B) A PRISONER WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO LOSS OF  
21 DIMINUTION CREDITS OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION THAT IS DETERMINED BY  
22 THE WARDEN.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1997.