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By: **Delegate D. Murphy**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an inmate of a correctional facility in the Division of  
4 Correction from making a telephone call unless the recipient of the call has  
5 submitted certain prior approval; prohibiting an inmate from making telephone  
6 calls to more than a certain number of individuals; establishing a certain  
7 penalty; and generally relating to the use of telephones by inmates in State  
8 correctional facilities.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
11 Section 693  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

17 693.

18 (A) UNLESS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE MANAGING OFFICER OF THE  
19 CORRECTION FACILITY, AN INMATE OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE DIVISION  
20 OF CORRECTION MAY NOT MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL UNLESS THE RECIPIENT OF  
21 THE CALL HAS INDICATED TO THE DIVISION APPROVAL TO RECEIVE TELEPHONE  
22 CALLS FROM THE INMATE.

23 (B) AN INMATE MAY NOT PLACE TELEPHONE CALLS TO MORE THAN 10 SUCH  
24 RECIPIENTS.

25 (C) AN INMATE WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO LOSS OF  
26 DIMINUTION CREDITS OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS MAY BE PERMITTED.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 1998.

