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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Targeted Interference with Wireless Communication Service Within**
3 **Correctional Facilities**

4 FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to pass legislation allowing
5 targeted interference with wireless communication service within correctional
6 facilities; and generally relating to wireless communication service.

7 WHEREAS, The presence of cellular telephones within correctional facilities is
8 a significant problem; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 1,100 cellular telephones were recovered from Maryland
10 correctional facilities in fiscal 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, Cellular telephones are illegal devices when used inside
12 correctional facilities and can aid inmates in orchestrating violent and other illegal
13 activities within prison and in the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Federal law prohibits the jamming of any type of cellular telephone
15 device or signal for any reason; and

16 WHEREAS, Legislation is needed to allow states to petition the Federal
17 Communications Commission for permission to install devices that would prevent,
18 jam, or interfere with wireless communication within correctional facilities; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
21 General Assembly urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to allow
22 targeted interference with wireless communication service within correctional
23 facilities; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
25 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
26 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the



1 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and the Maryland
2 Congressional Delegation: Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin,
3 Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Andrew P.
4 Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Donna Edwards, Steny
5 Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van
6 Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.