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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 853, L.D. 1175, “An Act To Prohibit Excessive Telephone, Video and Commissary Charges in Maine Jails and Prisons”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Prohibit Excessive Telephone Charges in Maine Jails and Prisons'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 34-A MRSA §3015** is enacted to read:

**§3015. Telephone services in Department of Corrections facilities**

Beginning October 1, 2022, the department and a service provider that contracts with the department to provide telephone services for residents of a department facility shall provide telephone services in accordance with this section.

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Department facility" means a detention facility or correctional facility.

B. "Resident" means a person who resides in a department facility.

C. "Service provider" means an entity that provides telephone services by contract with the department through which a resident initiates outgoing telephone calls from a department facility.

**2. Resident right to make telephone calls.** The department shall provide a resident with a reasonable opportunity to make interstate and intrastate telephone calls in accordance with departmental policies and institutional procedures and in accordance with the following.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



