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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 24, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
3 telecommunications services provided to State correctional  
4 institutions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2907 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2907. State correctional institutions.

10 (a) Identification of calls.--Telecommunication service  
11 providers which provide telecommunication services to State  
12 correctional institutions shall identify to the called party any  
13 call made by an inmate as originating from a correctional  
14 institution.

15 [(b) Collect calls.--

16 (1) All calls made by inmates shall be collect calls  
17 only.

1           (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in the case of an  
2           emergency, the superintendent may authorize a phone call to  
3           be made under the supervision of staff. The charge for the  
4           call shall be borne by the inmate.]

5           (b) Payment of calls.--

6           (1) The Department of Corrections may direct that calls  
7           made by an inmate shall be collect calls.

8           (2) The Department of Corrections may provide guidelines  
9           for alternative payment methods for telephone calls made by  
10          inmates, provided that the alternative methods are consistent  
11          with security needs, orderly operation of the prison and the  
12          public interest.

13          (c) No cause of action created.--This section shall not be  
14          construed to create any cause of action or any legal right in  
15          any person or entity. In addition, this section is not intended  
16          to create any right of an inmate to make a telephone call or to  
17          compel a particular method of payment.

18          Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.