



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 358

LCO No. 2452



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS BY
PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 18-8100 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2024*):

4 (b) (1) [On and after July 1, 2022, the] The commissioner shall provide
5 voice communication service to persons who are in the custody of the
6 commissioner and confined in a correctional facility. The commissioner
7 may supplement such voice communication service with any other
8 communication service, including, but not limited to, video
9 communication and electronic mail services. Any such communication
10 service shall be provided free of charge to such persons and any
11 communication, whether initiated or received through any such service,
12 shall be free of charge to the person initiating or receiving the
13 communication.

14 (2) Each person in the custody of the commissioner and confined in a
15 correctional facility shall be eligible to use the voice communication

16 service described in subdivision (1) of this subsection for [at least ninety
 17 minutes] up to six uses of such service lasting up to fifteen minutes for
 18 each such use on each day of such person's confinement, provided the
 19 provisions of this subdivision shall not be interpreted to interfere with
 20 the standard operations of the facility in which such person is confined
 21 or to impact the ability of the commissioner to restrict the number or
 22 length of such uses for any person on administrative segregation status,
 23 security risk group status or special needs status.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	18-81oo(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify how time allotments for the use of voice communication services by persons who are incarcerated are calculated.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]