

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1430**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to inmate telephone call rates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/5/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/20/2019</i>

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1430) of Mark C. Montigny, William N. Brownsberger, Denise Provost, Antonio F. D. Cabral and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to inmate telephone calls. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1336 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to inmate telephone call rates.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 127 of General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
2 section:-

3 Section 87A. The department of correction and county houses of correction shall  
4 negotiate contracts for local and long distance telephone service on the basis of offering the  
5 lowest cost to end consumers. The commonwealth, the department of correction and the county  
6 houses of correction shall not accept commissions, services, salary or rent payments, or goods  
7 from the providers of prisoner telephone service, other than telephones and associated hardware  
8 required for installation, upkeep and function of the prisoner telephone system. The department  
9 of correction shall negotiate its future contracts to give the county houses of correction the option

10 to join the contract under the same terms. The commonwealth, the department of correction and  
11 the county houses of correction shall negotiate contracts for telephone service separately from  
12 that of other services.