

1 SENATE BILL NO. 7  
2 INTRODUCED BY T. MCGILLVRAY  
3 BY REQUEST OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE  
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO STATE PRISONS AND COUNTY  
6 DETENTION CENTER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION FOR  
7 "TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER"; SUPERSEDING THE UNFUNDED MANDATE LAWS;  
8 AMENDING SECTION 53-30-153, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Detention center telecommunications contracts -- definition.** (1) A  
13 county detention center that contracts with a telecommunications service provider to provide  
14 telecommunications services for inmates may join any telecommunications contract with the same per-minute  
15 fee as the department of corrections. A county detention center may not enter into a separate  
16 telecommunications contract unless the per-minute fee does not exceed the current rate allowed by the federal  
17 communications commission but not more than 21 cents a minute.

18 (2) Each week, an inmate is ~~entitled to receive~~ allowed one free phone call, not to exceed 10  
19 minutes, and one free video call, not to exceed 25 minutes, to the extent that video calling is offered at the  
20 detention center.

21 (3) An inmate telecommunications contract may not include ancillary service fees, including  
22 prepaid phone cards, collect calls, and single pay calls that total more than 3% of the base charge.

23 (4) "Telecommunications service provider" has the meaning provided for "operator service  
24 provider" in 69-3-1102.

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26 **Section 2.** Section 53-30-153, MCA, is amended to read:  
27 **"53-30-153. Telephone account requirements for state prisons -- protected accounts --**  
28 **disclosure required -- rulemaking -- definitions.** (1) A state prison that contracts with a telecommunications