

§ 24-263.01. Telephone charges in penal or correctional institutions.

(a) Notwithstanding any other District of Columbia law, no telephone service provider shall charge a customer a rate for operator-assisted calls made from a penal or correctional institution in the District of Columbia in excess of the maximum rate determined by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia.

(b) No penal or correctional institution in the District of Columbia shall charge a surcharge, commission, or other financial imposition that is in addition to legally established rates for local or long-distance telephone service.

CREDIT(S)

(Apr. 27, 2001, D.C. Law 13-280, § 2, 48 DCR 1885)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

Law 13-280, the “Fair Phone Charges For Prisoners Act of 2000”, was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 13-632, which was referred to the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on December 5, 2000, and December 19, 2000, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on January 22, 2001, it was assigned Act No. 13-577 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 13-280 became effective on April 27, 2001.

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