

By: Representative Malone

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 904

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-193, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO FURNISH AN
3 OFFENDER UNAUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT SEND OR RECEIVE
4 MESSAGES; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TAKE
5 UNAUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC DEVICES THAT SEND OR RECEIVE MESSAGES ONTO
6 PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 47-5-193. It is unlawful for any officer or employee of the
12 department, of any county sheriff's department, of any private
13 correctional facility in this state in which offenders are
14 confined or for any other person to furnish, attempt to furnish,
15 or assist in furnishing to any offender confined in this state any
16 weapon, deadly weapon, unauthorized electronic device that sends
17 or receives messages or contraband item. It is unlawful for any
18 person to take, attempt to take, or assist in taking any weapon,
19 deadly weapon, unauthorized electronic device that sends or
20 receives messages or contraband item on property belonging to the
21 department which is occupied or used by offenders, except as
22 authorized by law.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2004.