

By: Representative Malone

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-193, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CLARIFY THE ILLEGALITY OF PROVIDING CELL PHONES TO PRISONERS;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 47-5-193. It is unlawful for any officer or employee of the  
8 department, of any county sheriff's department, of any private  
9 correctional facility in this state in which offenders are  
10 confined or for any other person or offender to possess, furnish,  
11 attempt to furnish, or assist in furnishing to any offender  
12 confined in this state any weapon, deadly weapon, unauthorized  
13 electronic device, cell phone or contraband item. It is unlawful  
14 for any person or offender to take, attempt to take, or assist in  
15 taking any weapon, deadly weapon, unauthorized electronic device,  
16 cell phone or contraband item on property belonging to the  
17 department which is occupied or used by offenders, except as  
18 authorized by law.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2006.